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Director warns MPs of layoffs

Pits and jobs threatened in huge coal cuts

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

FOUR out of five British coal mines will be closed and three-quarters of the miners will be sacked if the present energy policy is continued, MPs were told yesterday.

Malcolm Edwards, the commercial director of the British Coal Corporation, warned MPs that the number of coal mines is likely to fall from 52 to just 12 or 14 by 1996, unless the government intervenes.

The cutbacks would mean the loss of more than 35,000 of British Coal's remaining 48,000 jobs. The industry has already laid off more than 120,000 miners since the end of the year-long pit strike in March 1985.

The warning, which emer-ged in evidence to the Commons energy select committee, is the first public confirmdirector that further massive closures and job losses are likely. The committee called Mr Edwards to give evidence even though Neil Clarke.

Maxwells still silent

The Maxwell bothers, Ian and Kevin, have again failed to answer questions, this time in writing, about the hundreds of millions of pounds siphoned off from the Mirror Group Newspapers pension fund.

They are to be reported to the House of Commons for MPs to decide whether they should be held in contempt of parliament, called before the committee of privileges, or penalised in some other way., Page 2

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Dollar denial

Solidarity yesterday denied an American report that CIA cash had helped it to overthrow the communist a former official admitted some American funds had been received...... Page 9

Killer back

The escaped IRA killer, Joseph Doherty, was back under British jurisdiction last night to begin a life sentence passed by a Belfast court in his absence. He was deported to Northern freland at the end of a nine-year legal battle to stay in the United

Rabin threat

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Yitzhak Rabin is emerging as a strong contender to replace Shimon Peres as leader of the Israeli Labour party. The ruling Likud party fears that under his leadership, Labour can win the next election... Page 11

Libel limits The Court of Appeal ruled that local authorities and government departments cannot bring libel actions. after Derbyshire county council tried to sue The

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change its ways

British Coal's chairman, has removed him from his duties and is seeking his departure from the corporation after internal disagreements over

strategy. British Coal later issued a statement supporting Mr Edwards's warning. However, it insisted: "The number of pits that can be retained will clearly depend on the terms of the next coal contracts. British Coal remains confident that the number will remain considerably greater than the gloomier recent predictions

British Coal has, in the past, refused to confirm forecasts by N M Rothschild, the merchant bank which advised the government on the privatisation of the coal in-dustry, that only 14 mines would remain open.

Both Labour and Conservative committee members said they were "astonished and concerned" that Mr Edwards was not involved in key contract negotiations with British Coal's biggest customers, National Power and PowerGen, the electricity generating companies.

In the Commons yesterday, Frank Dobson, the shadow energy secretary, described the government's coal industry policy as "half-baked, short-sighted and ridiculous". Terry Patchett, Labour MP for Barnsley East, said: This is very worrying for constituencies like mine, which rely so much on the industry. These words by Mr

very worst fears." Mr Edwards said that the privatisation of the electricity generating industry would mean that sales of coal for power generation by 1996 would fall by 36 million tonnes, a 50 per cent drop, as new gas-fired power stations

He said flaws in the structure of the power privatisafor gas" even though electricity from gas-fired plants would cost more. The higher power costs would be passed

on to the consumer. Mr Edwards said rising power prices would cause energy intensive industries, such as chemicals, industrial gases, and steel, to migrate overseas. If that happened, Britain would also lose many industries that relied on the primary producers.

British Coal would also find part of its market taken by low-cost imports, Mr Ed-wards predicted. That message was driven home by reports that National Power and PowerGen yesterday that they are close to signing a long-awaited £150 million contract to build a terminal at Immingham, Humberside, which will have the capacity to import 12 million tonnes of

Mr Edwards also said that the use of gas plants, and the expected extension of the lives of many of Britain's subsidised state-owned nuclear power stations, would shut British Coal out of much of the fuel market.

Gerrard McCloskey, a con-sultant who advised the com-mittee at an earlier hearing. said yesterday that he agreed with Mr Edwards's assessment. "His evidence was unsullied by any rancour over his difficult position at British Coal," Mr McCloskey said.

Labour MPs reacted angrily in the Commons to the Immingham plans. Kevin Barron, the party's energy spokesman, said: This is further threat to the British

He claimed that Parliament had been misled by an adviser to Associated British Ports, the power companies partner in the the project, during the passage of en-abling legislation for development of the terminal.

tion had resulted in a "dash Search for a future, page 21 **Abortion issue may** go to referendum

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IRISH opposition politicians were predicting last night that the government would be forced into an early constitutional referendum on the abortion controversy. A separate referendum on the Maastricht treaty already scheduled for June will make subsequent change

impossible. Sources in the Labour party and in the Progressive Democrats, the junior coalition partners, pointed out that the Maastricht referendum will have the effect of endorsing once again the pro-life clause inserted into the Irish consti-

nution in 1983. The language in that clause has been demonstrated to be highly unsatisfactory following the first test case of it this week which found that a 14year-old rape victim could not travel to Britain to have an abortion. During the negotiations leading up to Decem-



ber's Maastricht summit, Ireland secured a special protocol protecting its right-tolife clause from new EC social

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Glad all over: Sara Keays leaving the High Court yesterday ater winning her two-week libel action

Keays wins £105,000 victory

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

SARA Keays, the former mistress of Cecil Parkinson, was yesterday awarded £105,000 libel damages over a magazine article which she claimed contrayed her as a kiss-andtell bimbo who tried to make money with revelations about

Conservative party chairman. Miss Keays, aged 44, kissed her solicitor, John Manuell, on the cheek and beamed when the High Court libel jury of nine men and three women announced its verdict after deliberations lasting four and a quarter hours. The hearing had

After the verdict, Miss Keays said: "I am very re-lieved and glad it's all over. I have answered a lot of questions over the last two weeks and I don't want to answer any more. That is the end of it, that is the verdict and that's it.'

Mr Manuell said last night: The jury's verdict speaks for itself and the amount of damages awarded is a complete vindication of Miss Keays. It was a sensible award."

Miss Keays, who lives with Flora, her eight-year-old daughter by Mr Parkinson, at Marksbury, Bath, had sued over references to her in an article headed "Laughing all the way to the bonk". an expose of the so-called kissand-tell industry, in an 1989 issue of New Woman magazine. She claimed damages against the then publishers Murdoch Magazines (UK) Ltd. and Frankie McGowan the editor, who now face costs of up to £200,000.

Referring to a remark once made by the editor of Private Eye when he lost a libel case, Miss McGowan said: "If Ian Hislop thought when he went down that 'If this is justice Continued on page 16, col 3

Shaken Bush rolls up his sleeves for battle

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PRESIDENT Bush, shaken by Patrick Buchanan's stunning performance in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary, yesterday signalled a radical change of course in his re-election campaign. He is abandoning the

'Rose Garden" strategy of remaining above the fray and will instead be out campaigning almost every day between now and the key southern primaries on Super Tuesday, March 10. The White House is also planning direct attacks on Mr Buchanan's "America First" stance and his Gulf war opposition instead of resolute-

ly ignoring him. New Hampshire, which rescued Mr Bush's faltering 1988 campaign, severely rebuked him this time, giving Mr Buchanan 40 per cent of the Republican vote compared to 58 for the president. Officials spoke of sheer panic when early results showed them almost level-pegging.

The president, arriving in Tennessee for the start of the offensive yesterday, declared himself ready to "roll up my sleeves and go after." Mr Bu-chanan. "We are going to take this guy on in every single state," he said.

In the Democratic contest, Paul Tsongas, offering the electorate economic castor oil, won a famous underdog's victory with 34 per cent of the

vote, but Bill Clinton came a back the Republican party respectable second with 26 and the country. The head-line figures concealed more per cent, in spite of allega-tions of adultery and draftbad news for Mr Bush. Exit dodging. Mr Tsongas won enjoyed strongest support among blue-collar conservastrong support from centrist independents and said his victory would send a strong message to both Washington tive men, the key element of the Republican coalition that and the Democratic party about the need for pro-busicarried both Ronald Reagan and Mr Bush to the White

ness economic realism. Mr Clinton, the Arkansas Mr Bush remains the governor, calling himself the "comeback kid", declared strong favourite to win back the White House, but no that his campaign was back post-war president whose on track, and he now moves challenger has won more than 35 per cent in New Hampshire has gone on to to more favourable contests in the south.

Presidential "spin doctors" put the best face on the New Hampshire result, arguing that a victory was a victory and that Mr Buchanan lacks the appeal or organisation to perform beyond a state suffer ing a uniquely deep recession. But Mr Bush acknowledged that his conservative challenger had reaped a harvest of discontent and that he had been sent a message of

dissatisfaction. William Bennett, Mr Bush's former drugs czar and a leading Republican, said the result was less a "wake-up call" than "Big Ben falling on your head". Mr Buchanan said he would fight all states, and that his "little rebellion" had become a "fully-fledged American revolution" to take

Tories in timetable trap

LABOUR claimed last night that John Major would have to take a leap in the dark and launch an election on April 9 without having time to test public reaction to the Budget.

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, circulated a paper to the shadow cabinet saying that the legal requirement for a minimum 17-day campaign, excluding bank holidays, meant the prime minister would have to announce

the election on March 11, the

day after the Budget. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will today discuss the background to his Budget with the cabinet. Although he will not give details of planned tax changes, he is being pressed to make tax cuts to underline the different approach between the parties.

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Scottish Tories' prophet of doom resigns



Townsend: party must

By Sheila Gunn **POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT**

THE Scottish Tories' head of information has resigned within days of warning the leadership that the party stands no chance of winning more than 30 per cent of the vote in Scotland by 1996.

In a private briefing paper obtained by The Times. Brian Townsend told the Scottish party chairman Lord Sanderson of Bowden that the Tories would never regain the 50 per cent of the Scottish vote they enjoyed in the hey-days of the mid-1950s. The most they could hope for, he said, would be to achieve 30 per cent of the vote in four years if they adopted his strategy of wooing the Scots rather than accusing

them of whingeing.
Mr Townsend, who twice stood for Parliament, resigned last Thursday "by

after only seven months in office. His paper on the long-term decline of the Conservative vote in Scotland was dated January 29.

The disclosure of his advice to the party hierarchy comes as John Major prepares to visit Scotland on Saturday to tell voters that anything less than the status quo would put Scotland on the slippery slope towards splitting the Uni-

Mr Major is also planning an overnight visit to Scotland during the first week of the general election campaign. In addition a posse of Cabinet ministers, including Michael Heseltine, Douglas Hurd, Kenneth Baker and John MacGregor, will venture north of the border in the coming weeks to sell

the "union or bust" line. The Conservatives are now the third party in Scotland, holding only nine out mutual agreement", amid speculation of the 72 seats. Tory support of 24 per about a dispute with Lord Sanderson, cent in the 1987 general election had

fallen as low as 18 per cent in this parliament and now hovers around the mid-20 mark.

Mr Townsend told Lord Sanderson that the growing disenchantment between England and Scotland had been made worse by "a singular lack of sensitivity" about Scottish matters by some English Tory backbenchers, and even

"We have got to get ministers and MPs to adopt the kind of constructive, conciliatory line that John Major has used so effectively in the past," he said. His resignation came on the same day

that the Foreign Office minister Tristan Garel-Jones astonished British MEPs in Strasbourg by commenting that the Scots were "over-subsidised and over-represented" and talked of "pouring subsidies down the throats of the

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Americans deport IRA killer after lengthy fight

JOSEPH Doherty, the es-caped IRA killer who fought a nine-year legal battle to stay in the United States was under British jurisdiction last night after being deported to Northern Ireland.

His return to serve a life sentence for killing an SAS captain marked a success for the British authorities who face a longer struggle to counter his high profile in America which helped to persuade some US citizens that the IRA was fighting a legitimate nationalist

As Doherty, aged 36, left last night, supporters in the

Catholic shot in **Belfast**

A ROMAN Catholic man was shot outside a shop in north Belfast yesterday. Police said that the man aged 35 was shot once in the back and was undergoing

surgery.
The attack, in Greencastle, is thought to have been carried out by loyalists, possibly in retaliation for the murder a short distance away on Mon-day of Andrew Johnston, a Protestant, aged 17. by the Irish People's Liberation

☐ A bomb exploded in a central Belfast store yesterday.

Police said that a warning uated and no one was report-

ed injured.

☐ Raymond Elder, aged 28. of Belfast, was remanded in custody yesterday, accused of murdering the five Catholics shot dead at Sean Graham's betting office in the city on

Irish-American community said they were angry that he had been deported while

After exhausting his legal appeals last month, some 100 Congressmen petitioned the US attorney-general to grant him a hearing on his request for political asylum. Stephen Somerstein. Doherty's law-yer, said that to deport him while there were still objections from the Congressmen amounted to "the height of

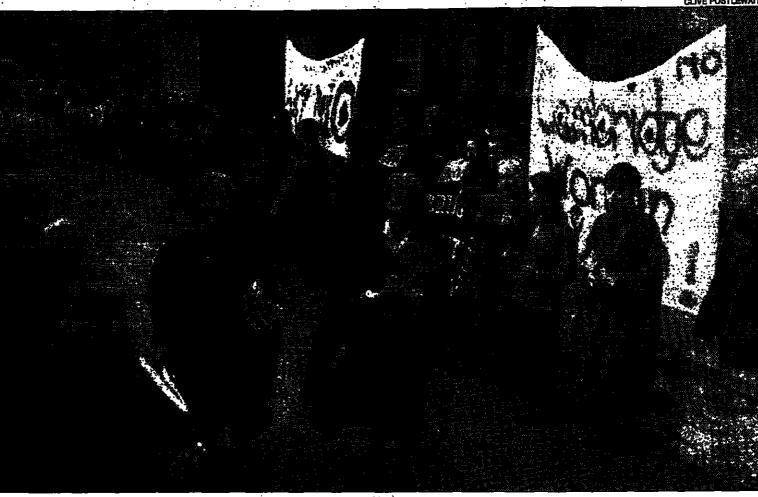
Britain had sought Doherty's return from the United States since he was arrested while working as a barman at Clancy's Irish bar on Manhanan's East Side in 1983. The Reagan and Bush administrations took Britain's side, but the courts and Congress helped Doherty

He was convicted for the murder of Captain Herbert Westmacott, a member of an SAS squad that surprised a four-man IRA team which had taken over a house in north Belfast in 1981 to am-

bush security forces.

Captain Westmacott was hit by machinegun fire and Doherty was apprehended. Soon after his arrest, howev-er, he escaped from Crumlin Road jail in Belfast and fled to the United States with false papers. A Belfast court tried him in absentia and sentenced him to life imprisonment for murder.

After being re-arrested in New York, Doherty pursued tortuous legal appeals from his jail cell against extradition. He came to the end of the road last month when the US Supreme Court ruled that the US attorney general had acted lawfully in refusing him a hearing on his request for political asylum in the United States.



Running the gauntlet: Catherine Hughes, Somerville's principal, right, braves the wrath of those opposing the admission of men

Somerville fights to keep out men

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE students of Somerville College, Oxford, were last night digging in their heels in the best traditions of their most illustrious predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, still trying to prevent the admission

Refusing to give in grace-fully after the college governors confirmed the end of 113 years of single-sex education, the junior common room threatened to sue. The students claim that the switch to a mixed intake amounts to a breach of contract.

College governors were greeted by a 150 strong band of banner-waving students as they arrived for a two-hour meeting behind closed doors. They heard an emotional appeal from three students to overturn last month's vote for co-education, but rejected the

plea. If the decision is confirmed by the university. St Hilda's will be the only women's college at Oxford by the autumn.

dent said: "It is very disappointing but we expected this to happen. The fight isn't finished yet. We feel that Somverville should remain a single sex institution for at

prevent the vote taking place by appealing to Lord Jenkins, he university chancellor, to intervene. They argued un-successfully that the college was in breach of its charter, and had not consulted sufficiently about the proposal. Deborah Sherry, a 27 yearold law student, said that the

breach of contract instead

Suzy Parker, the JCR presi-

least another ten years."

The students had tried to

JCR now planned to sue for

Tight-lipped Maxwells to be reported to Commons

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Maxwell brothers are to be reported to the House of Commons for failing to anwer written questions on how hundreds of millions of pounds were siphoned off from the Mirror Group

Newspapers pension fund. MPs will then have to decide whether Ian and Kevin Maxwell should be held in contempt of parliament and called before the Commons privileges committee or be

penalised in some other way. Solicitors for both brothers wrote to the Commons social security committee this week refusing to answer the 70 questions that they were sent

The solicitors said that the brothers had a right to maintain their silence to avoid the risk of prejudicing their position before possible court proceedings, the argument that they had given MPs when the brothers stonewalled the committee at a

public hearing last month. Last month, both solicitors said that their clients would questions if the answers were not made public. This week, the lawyers said that they would not answer the MPs' questionnaire because the committee had made clear that it would publish the

Yesterday, Frank Field, the committee chairman said that it would go ahead with its main report on the ownership and management of pension funds, which would be published in about two weeks' time. It will send a separate

Maxwells' behaviour. The report, which should reach the House before an election is called, will also give recommendations on what action parliament should take over the brothers.

The committee will also publish written answers from the other Mirror Group trust-ets, who have co-operated with the committee and returned the questionnaire. Mr Field said that he was "disappointed" at the brothers' decision. Their behaviour was an "irritant" but should

not be allowed to hold up the committee's main report. The committee will meet in private on Monday to discuss the draft of its main report and its recommendations about the Maxwells.

Colleges threaten boycott

Universities and polytechnics are preparing a boycott of the government's scheme to transfer teacher training courses to schools in September (John O'Leary writes).

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has proposed that at least a third of postgraduate courses for secondary school teachers should be reformed this year. Academics running the courses want to delay the process by a year, and phase in the change

more gradually.

Teacher training departments were incensed to receive a request from their funding councils to bid for money to redesign courses when the proposals were still subject to consultation. The deadline for bids will expire before submissions are re-quired on the government's scheme. Students have already been recruited for many of the postgraduate courses affected.

Hill re-admitted

Benny Hill the comedian has been re-admitted to hospital for tests, five hours after being released following treatment for a suspected heart attack.

Mr Hill, aged 67, of Teddington, southwest London,
was under observation at the
Royal Brompton hospital in London last night. Doctors said that there was no immediate cause for concern and they expected to discharge him soon.

Rape charge

A licensed taxi driver accused of rape was remanded in custody for a week by Horseferry road magistrates' court, central London, yesterday. Frank Welton, aged 25. of Camden, north London, is charged with raping a woman aged 22 in his black cab early on Monday.

CORRECTION

A picture caption yesterday said that the Princess of Wales was attending a film première in aid of the Nat-ional Aids Trust, of which she is patron. The performance was in fact for the AIDS Crisis Trust, a private charity.



Jurors see pictures of man fleeing car after being forced to drive with shotgun held to his head

Jury shown TV film of hostage ordeal

By RICHARD DUCE

TELEVISION pictures of a 30-hour ordeal endured by a man who is allleged to have been kidnapped after being forced to drive his car around south Wales at gunpoint were shown to a jury yesterday. Roger Amos kidnapped

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his estranged wife's lover, Donald Stewart, and when he was finally surrounded by police outside a hotel he tried to shoot him in the back of the head, Newport crown court was told. Mr Stewart survived because he was holding a car telephone at the time of the shot, which hit him in his hand. Stephen Hopkins, QC, said.

Mr Amos, aged 41, of Newport, denies attempted murder, kidnapping Mr Stewart and unlawfully pos-sessing a shotgun with intent to endanger life in July last year. He has pleaded guilty to two charges of ar-son at property belonging to his relatives and shortening a shotgun to less than its permitted length.

A video compiled from police and television news film of the siege was shown to the jury. Mr Hopkins told them that Mr Stewart, aged 40, was seized at gunpoint outside his home in Newport and forced to drive his Ford Granada car to Cardiff. Mr Amos was armed with a sawn-off shotgun, ammuni-

tion, a crossbow and bolts.
The jury was told that Mr Stewart had been taken captive because of a domestic dispute involving Mr Amos. Mr Stewart, the lover of Mr Amos's estranged wife, was forced to drive for several

hours across south-east Wales after Mr Amos had alerted police to what he was doing. Police cars shadowed them. The car stopped outside the King's Hotel, New-

port, and was surrounded by armed officers while negoti-ations took place using a phone line placed in the car. Although Mr Amos had agreed to surrender peacefully, Mr Hopkins said: "He had one final act to perpetrate. Having given every-body the impression that he intended to surrender peace-

fully, he discharged the gun.

The prosecution says he made as if to hand the shotgun to Mr Stewart, but he deliberately discharged it at the man he had kidnapped." Mr Hopkins said that it was by chance that Mr Stewart was holding a telephone to his ear, otherwise the shot

would have hit the back of

Mr Hopkins said Mr Amos then propelled himself from the car, throwing himself to the ground and pretending to "play dead" so that police marksmen would not fire at him. At first. armed officers believed he had turned the gun on him-

Before kidnapping Mr Stewart, Mr Amos had left prepared petrol bombs at a house and garage in New-port owned by relatives. At the garage, Mr Stewart was forced to light a trail of paint-thinners leading to the

device, Mr Hopkins said. The jury also heard that Mr Stewart tried to escape on foot, but Mr Amos drove after him and caught him.

A noose was tied around his head and threaded through the car headrest.

With Mr Amos sitting in the back seat, the shotgun was taped to Mr Stewart's head, Mr Hopkins said. "The defendant could at all times maintain its aim at the back of Mr Stewart's head. Mr Stewart was very frightened and tried to reason with the defendant - but he was not capable of being reasoned with."

After his arrest, Mr Hop-

kins said, Mr Amos told police he had kept the shotgun in view "because I wanted to stop anyone being a hero and shooting me". Later, Mr Stewart told the

court how he was shot as the siege ended. He said that Mr Amos was sitting in the back seat and cried as he spoke to a relative over the car-phone, whom he told he would have to "go away for a few years".

Mr Stewart said that the

phone later rang and he answered it as his captor smoked a cigar before his planned surrender. He said: 'I picked the phone up and explained the situation to the police negotiator that Mr Amos was getting out of the back of the car. "He then told me, 'Take

the gun, I'm getting out of the car.' I reached over to take the gun. As far as I can recall, I took the gun in my right hand. The next I know, there

was a loud explosion and my left hand went away from me. I can recall saying the words, 'You bastard'.







Hostage ordeal: Donald Stewart runs away from his car, staring at his bleeding hand, top, as police move in and, right, arrest a man. Left, Mr Stewart and Linda Amos outside the court yesterday

Massacre shocked Nazi

official

NAZI official was so shocked at the massacre of thousands of innocent civilians by Lithuanian police troops in a small Belorussian town that he called for the incident to be reported to Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering.

The territorial commissioner for the town of Slutsk, the Court of Session in Edinburgh was told yesterday, said that it was "such a base and filthy act" that a protest should be made at the highest

The events at Slutsk, in October, 1941, were recounted during the £600,000 defamation action being brought by Anton Gecas, aged 76, of Edinburgh, against Scottish Television. Mr Gecas, who served as a junior lieutenant with the 12th Lithuanian auxiliary police battalion, claims that he was branded a war criminal in the pro-gramme Crimes of War, first broadcast in 1987.

In the programme. Motiejus Migonis, who spent 25 years in jail, said that Mr Gecas had taken part in the Slutsk slaughter. Mr Mig-onis, when questioned by Scottish counsel in Lithuania last week, refused to identify Mr Gecas as having ordered Jews to be shot or having finished off wounded victims.

Bob Tomlinson, a reporter for the television company who investigated Mr Gecas's war record, said that he and his team interviewed elderly witnesses in Lithuania and filmed them. None had appeared to be under any pressure from the Soviet authorities. All, including Mr Migonis, who gave evidence last week, gave detailed allegations against Mr Gecas six years ago for the programme. The hearing continues

By SIMON TAIT ARTS CORRESPONDENT

TOM NEWELL'S play intrigued

judges of the New London Play-

wrights' Festival awards. It had an

ingenious plot, involving mystery,

murder, misunderstanding and the

unaccountable decision of the police

It was this last turn of plot that

prevented its author from being one

of the five winners at the award

ceremony in London yesterday. They

decided that it was not credible. The

ending might, however, have been

wishful thinking by the playwright.

to let the murderer off.

Victim's mother sues car driver

began a High Court claim yesterday for damages for psychological suffering.

More than six years after the death of her 20-year-old son Simon, Judith Calascione continued to suffer pathological grief reaction, the court was told. Mrs Calascione, now 54, of Hooe, Battle, East Sussex, is claiming damages for nervous shock against the motorist.

Her counsel, Kieran May, said that Simon was riding his motor cycle on a blind bend on Crowhurst Road near Battle just before Christmas 1985 when the the car driver, Simon Dixon, of Crowhurst, East Sussex, came in the opposite direction on the wrong side of the

road at about 50mph. Mr Dixon was prosecuted at Lewes crown court in 1987 for causing death by reckless driving, "but the jury considered, as they are entitled to do, that his offence fell below that high degree of recklessness". He was fined £250 for careless driving and was not

disqualified. That was one of the factors which had "ground in" on Mrs Calascione, counsel said. The effects of the accident on her had been severe. She had ' driven past the crash on her way to the shops and was at the hospital when her son died about two hours later from multiple injuries.

Mrs Calascione, a divorcee who has two other sons and a daughter, told the court that after Simon's death she returned to work thinking it would help her grief, but she was unable to cope. She now had a part-time teaching job in a prison.

"I am obsessed by the injustice of what happened," she said. "I think of what he lost." She still cried a lot and was very frightened of driving or even when walking on a busy street. She claimed that the car driver "slaughtered" her son. The question of liability

Swaleside prison, on the Isle of

Newell was let out of jail yesterday

under escort to receive his certificate

as one of the 15 short-listed writers

for the awards, held by the London

Arts Board and LBC Radio at the

Newell was discovered by Tim

Crook, director of the festival, in a

writing workshop he organised at

Wormwood Scrubs prison last year.

"I was amazed to find the range of

writing skill blossoming in that

dreary place." Mr Crook said. "Tom

has a great feel for the depth and

Institute of Contemporary Arts.

Sheppey, Kent, for murder.

A MOTHER whose son was is not contested. The hearing killed in a road accident is on the issue of what damages should be awarded against the driver's insurers for the after-effects of the accident.

> In a statement issued be fore the hearing, Mrs Calascione described how, a few weeks after Mr Dixon was fined £250, her youngest son's car was written off by an overtaking vehicle. "Fortunately nobody was injured. I subsequently heard that the police intended to take no action. I felt that I was being forced to watch my family

being picked off.

That same day I was returning home when I saw the driver's car parked in just the same spot it had been that day he set off and killed my boy. Something snapped. The thought that I might lose another child in a so-called accident was too much. I took an axe and smashed up the car." She spent a night in a cell and was later fined £250 and given a three-month suspended sentence for criminal damage.



Calascione: "Obsessed

Inside insight leaves playwright a runner-up

Tom Newell is serving a life term at range a radio play needs, and this

Woman to regain use of sewn on hands

By THOMSON PRENTICE

A WOMAN who lost both hands in a guillotine accident at a wallpaper factory should regain much of their movement and touch after having them sewn back on, surgeons said yesterday. Two teams of plastic sur-

geons at the Withington Hospital in Manchester worked simultaneously on the severed hands of Sharon Jackson, aged 22, of Lancaster, during a nine-hour operation on Tuesday.

Advanced techniques of micro-surgery were used to reconnect bones, nerves and blood vessels including two major arteries and 21 tendons in each limb, with the help of skin grafts. Miss Jackson was operat-

ing a power-driven paper-cut-ting guillotine at Kinglisher Wallcoverings, Lancaster, where she had worked for about 18 months, when the accident happened. She was taken 70 miles by ambulance to the hospital.

Her hands, wrapped in sterile swabs and packed in ice, went with her. A team of plastic surgeons, on constant standby for such emergen-cies, awaited her arrival two hours after the accident. Ann Brain, the consultant

surgeon who led the two operations, said: "Her chances of recovery are good and she should have limited movement in her hands quite quickly, perhaps within a week. It will be a long rehabilitation and it may be between two and five years before the final result is known.

Miss Jackson will stay in

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Ford, of Judy Daish, said: "He

started writing in prison and he has

written short plays, monologues and

a one act play. He is at the start of

his career, but we believe it could be

The festival, now in its second

a very promising one."

Newell, who is in his early 30s. has

Waite explains commitment that drove him to Beirut

TERRY Waite yesterday answered critics of his decision to return to Beirut during the hostage crisis. Addressing the General Synod of the Church England, Mr Walle described his commitment to his mission and how he kept going during his 1,763 days of captivity.

Mr Waite, who sat in the house of laity of the church's national assembly 25 years ago, said: "It is an emotional day for me today. I never thought I should ever say that coming to a synod would be a

homecoming, but it is."
The Archbishop of Canterbury's former envoy, who is still undecided about his future, said: "People since my release ask me many ques tions. One question that is frequently asked is, 'Why did you go back? Why did you expose yourself to the dangers that you obviously knew were

facing you? "The answer is complex. but I remember that the guiding principle that directed me back to Beirut in those days was this: that when the church makes a commitment to people in trouble, the church does not walk away when the going is difficult. We stick with that commitment and we stick with people who are in desperate need.

"And when all political sup-port vanished, for reasons that are well known, the ground left to me to light terrorism was the moral and spiritual ground. And one stood on that ground, confident in the fact that light is stronger than darkness and that truth eventually will out. It was the only ground left to me and I went back there, not as one individual but as a representative of our church, on your behalf.

Mr Waite, who received a hospital for two or three weeks and may need further standing ovation from the meeting, at Church House, Westminster, described how during lengthy rehabilitation | he had been helped to hear of will be a key to the eventual | candles being lit and of vigils around the world when he

year, was created to bring on new

radio writers. The five winners are to

have their plays professionally pro-

duced and broadcast on LBC, and all

winners and runners-up, including a

psychiatrist, a West End theatre box

office clerk and a House of Com-

mons computer programmer, at-

Although Newell did not win, his

play may yet be broadcast. Mr Crook, an LBC producer, has asked

for Arts Council funding of about

£1,500 to permit production of Old

Bones. "We'll want a minor change,

though," he said. "We still don't

think the ending is credible."

tended yesterday's reception.

Terry Waite made an emotional

return to the general synod yesterday, writes Ruth Gledhill

was given a small radio after four years as a hostage. "In the days of solitary confinement, in the days when one was confined to a dark room, chained to the wall, with no one to speak to for years, one thought kept me alive: that the light is stronger than the darkness. And even at times when suffering and pain

grips one's soul, it is still

light," he said. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, paid tribbute to Mr Waite "for surviving his terrible ordeal with such dignity and bravery". He said he hoped that

the church's constant prayer

vigils did something to sus-

tain him. "That vigil of prayer must continue. \square The synod called on the government "to develop a long term national housing strategy" to alleviate homelessness by providing affordable housing. After a 90minute debate, it also called on the church commissioners and dioceses to help to increase the housing stock.

Clarke 'in close touch' on school dispute

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, yesterday de-fended his record in the growing dispute at Stratford school, east London, after teachers' unions claimed that he had failed to pull his weight (Matthew D'Ancona

The dispute arose when governors accused Anne Snelling, the head teacher, of

incompetence and racism Mr Clarke said: "I have used my powers to intervene on several occasions. This led to the reinstatement of the head. I have also also appointed two additional governors. The school is in fact operating satisfactorily against a background of a personal dispute between the head and some of the governors. We are keeping in close touch with the situation."

The High Court will today consider a request from the National Association of Head Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers for an injunction to stop intervention by gover-nors in school management.

Export of £7.5m Titian blocked

A two-month export ban has been imposed by the trade department on Venus and Adonis by Titian, the painting which sold for £7.48 million at Christie's in December, despite an estimate of only £1.5 million.

The price reflected the conviction of the purchasers, a partnership of dealers, that the painting was the first, not the last, of five versions. A British buyer would have to ruise £7.59 million, the price entered on the export application by Hazlitt Gooden & Fox of London and Herman Shickman of New York.

Advert ruling

The Advertising Standards Authority has advised pub-lishers to refuse all but one of a new series of advertisements for Benetton, the fashion company, including one of an Aids victim's dying moments. The authority was most con-cerned about an image of a car burning in a street. The image was highly insensitive and inappropriate, violent, anti-social and threatening, it

Opera post

Richard Armstrong, the English conductor, has been ap-pointed music director of Scottish Opera. He will succeed the American John Mauceri in July 1993, when Mr Mauceri will have completed five years in the post. Mr Armstrong was music director of Welsh National Opera for 13 years, during which time the Scottish and Welsh companies combined on a cycle of Janacek operas.

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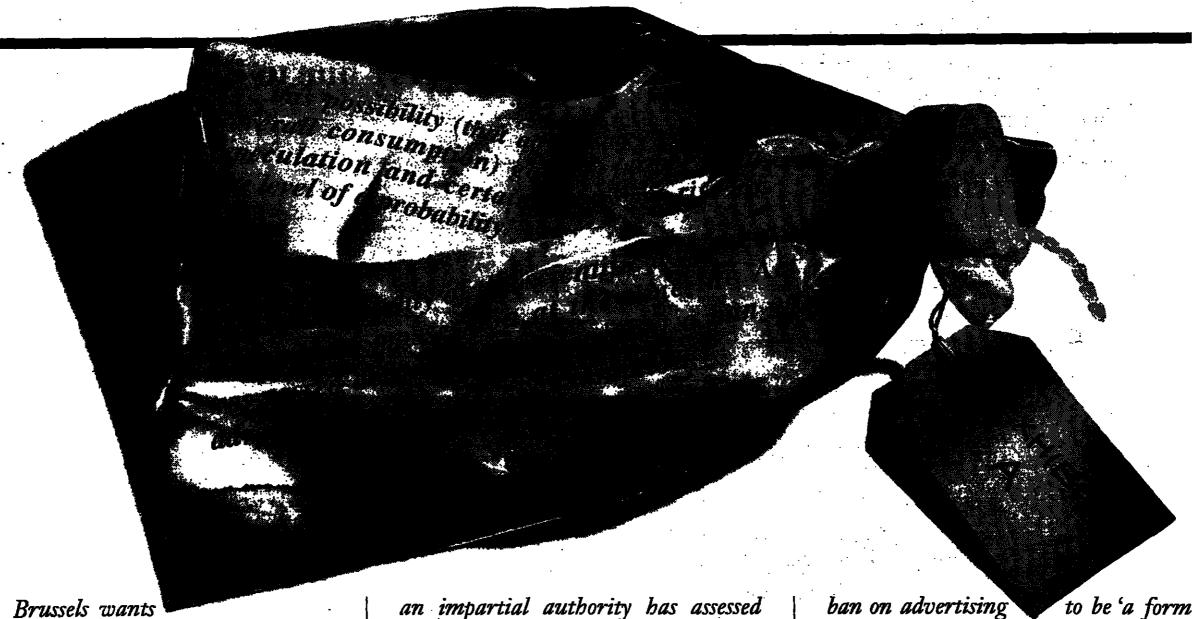
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Leukaemia clusters linked to low radiation

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE mystery of the leukae-"clusters" around nuclear sites such as Sellafield may have been solved by Medical Research Council scientists.

The findings could help to explain why levels of radiation believed to be too low to do damage nevertheless are linked to the disease.

The research focuses on alpha rays, which are superfi-cially much less harmful than more penetrating radiation. The scientists have found that alpha particles can cause hidden damage to cells that only becomes apparent some time later. The cell survives, and continues to divide

Budget to penalise smokers

By Thomson Prentice MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

BIG increases in cigarette prices are likely in next month's Budget as part of the government's anti-smoking policies, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, hinted yesterday. Launching a campaign to deter pregnant women from smoking, he said: "It is no secret that my department thinks the price of eigarettes is one of the most important weapons against

smoking. He said that, if smoking could be discouraged without further restrictions on tobacco advertising, so much the better, but that such restrictions would be reconsidered in five or six years.

His comments were promptly attacked at the campaign launch in London by Pamela Taylor, head of public affairs at the British Medical Association, "We are not prepared to wait five or six years, during which time we are going to see more children taking up smoking

said. The farewell scene from the film Casablanca is being used to advertise the ninth No Smoking Day, on March 11. Humphrey Bogart, the film's star, died in his 50s from lung cancer, and the executors of his estate have given permission for the scene to be used.

apparently normally. Later, however, abnormal chromosomes appear in the successive generations, showing that the genetic material of the cell has been damaged.

The implication is that the lowest imaginable dose - a single alpha particle - is enough to induce damaging changes in some cells that can alter the cells' behaviour and perhaps lead to cancers. The scientists found that x-rays did not have the same effect.

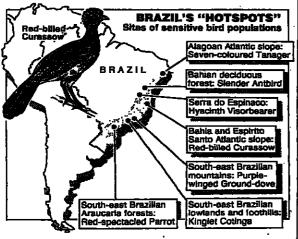
Though reluctant to jump to conclusions, they believe that their findings may help to explain the incidence of leukaemia both among radiation workers and children living close to nuclear plants such as Sellafield.

The results could also prompt a change in the approach to radiation protec-tion, which is based on the effects of high-energy pene-trating radiation, such as beta-rays, x-rays and gamma rays. Alpha rays appear less harmful, being unable even to pass through a sheet of paper. Their danger arises when particles of alpha-emitting isotopes such as plutonium are swallowed or get into the lungs. Then the alpha particles can reach living cells, unloading all their ener-gy in a single hit and doing considerable damage. Eric Wright and colleagues

from the research council's Radiobiology Unit in Didcot. Oxfordshire, report in this week's Nature that they have studied the effect of single alpha particles on stem cells from the bone marrow of mice. In mammals, these stem cells have the job of producing all the blood cells. so any damage to them could well lead to blood diseases such as leukaemia.

When the stem cells are exposed to alpha particles, most are killed outright, but a small percentage survive ap-parently uninjured. Several generations later, when the cells have divided repeatedly, gross abnormalities can be detected in their chromosomes. The experiments show, says the research coundamage unique to alpha-particle radiation.

Dr Wright said yesterday: "The mouse stem cells are a good model for leukaemia. and now we are trying the same experiments with human bone marrow cells."



Study offers hope for birds at risk

A F1FTH of the world's bird species could be saved by conserving just 2 per cent of its land, according to a study by Cambridge-based

A team at the International Council for Bird Preservation has carried out what is said to be the most detailed computerised study ever on sites of sensitive bird populations, drawing on over 55,000 records.

The study has found 22 i areas that have high concentrations of birds and which also have about two thirds of the world's 1.029 endangered species. By combining those sites with maps of the world's protected areas, researchers have found discrepancies in global conservation efforts. with many threatened species living outside national

and regional parks.

The council hopes that
the findings, which are
being presented to the
World Parks Congress, in Venezuela, which ends this week, will form a blueprint for conservation strategies. Christoph Imboden, the

council's director-general,

said: "Discovery of these hotspots means that the future of large numbers of species could be secured by a relatively small number of initiatives. Loss or degrad-ation of these areas would result in unprecedented numbers of extinctions."

Most of the 221 sites identified, amounting to 260,000 square kilometres, are in forest regions of the tropics, with about a quarter in South America. Fortytwo are in Australasia, 40 in Africa or on African islands, and 30 on Pacific islands, including the Philippines. One site is in Europe, on Cyprus.

According to Mike Crosby, a researcher, eastern Brazil is one of the most important areas, with high concentrations of bird species in seven "hotspots", including the endangered slender antbird and the red-billed curassow. Each site has populations of threatened species found

nowhere else in the world. Conservation could be aided by extending parks and by sustainable develop-

ment, Mr Crosby said.



Norman Jones plays the Bonjour Stradivarius, which could fetch £800,000

Christie's to sell two Strads in London

By Sarah Jane Checkland SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

TWO instruments by Stradivari are to be sold at Christie's in London on March 18. The Bonjour violoncello is being offered by the cellist Robert Cohen at an estimate of up to £800,000, while the Schreiber_violin,_once played by Pinchas Zukerman. is being sold by the David Lloyd Kreeger Foundation of Washington DC and could fetch £350,000. The cello dates from

about 1690, and was named after Abel Bonjour of Paris, its earliest known owner. Mr Cohen, who paid about £300,000 for it seven years ago. describes it as "one of the greatest cellos in the world The violin, which is

missing its original scroll and much of its original varnish, is considered by the trade as a fine working instrument. One of its earlier players was Henri Wieniawski, the Polish

Police hot-line to foil corruption

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

POLICE are being asked to and journalists before examconsider establishing confidential telephone hot-lines to allow junior officers to pass on information about corruption or malpractice among colleagues. The lines would allow junior officers to talk freely to officers of at least deputy chief constable rank.

Chief constables are being asked for their views on the hot-lines in a personal letter issued yesterday by Sir John Woodcock, chief inspector of constabulary, calling for reforms in the control of specialised squads or CID work. The aim is to prevent a repetition of the West Mid-lands serious crime squad case, highlighted by a critical Police Complaints Authority report last autumn.

The letter, also sent to Sir Peter Imbert, commissioner of the Metropolitan police, includes a package of changes wanted by Sir John and his team of inspectors. Sir John says that the inspectors expect to be told of any allegations emerging in a force. The inspectors could then consult agencies such as the Crown Prosecution Service, the Police Complaints Authority, defence lawyers

ining the force.

The letter may provoke anger among senior officers who feel that the inspectorate is interfering too much. Sir John says in his letter that action has to be taken immediately "because there is much public concern as to the credibility of police evidence and conduct".

The letter says recruitment to special squads, including regional crime squads and CID teams set up to concentrate on a particular types of crime, should not lie with the squad's senior officers but with a force's personnel department. As a general rule, officers should serve on the squads for three to five years. The West Midlands squad. disbanded in 1989, included men who had served 15

Squads should be put under the overall control of an assistant chief constable. who should monitor their work and be aware of pat-terns of complaint. "The extensive use of informants may not always serve the purposes for which the squad was originally set up." Sir John

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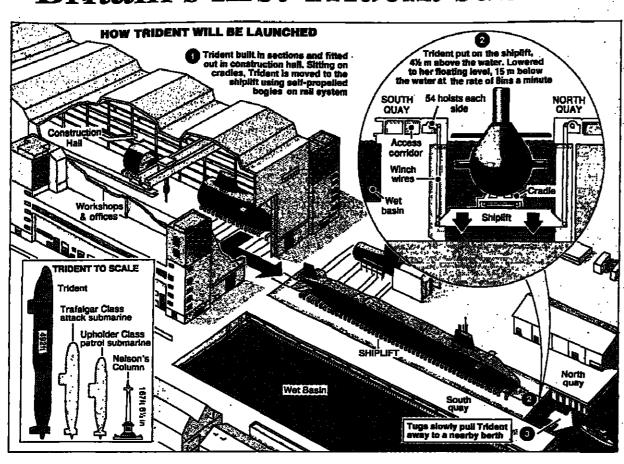
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Britain's first Trident submarine prepares to brave the world



BRITAIN'S first Trident ballistic missile submarine is to be launched on March 4 with the help of the world's most powerful lift, capable of bearing a maximum weight of 24,300 tonnes. The launching of HMS Vanguard at the VSEL shipyard at Barrowin-Furness, Cumbria, will be the boat's first public appearance since construc-

The 492ft, 15,000-tonne submarine has been built in sections inside a big shed that towers over the yard. Only the workforce and visiclearance have been allowed to watch the construction of what will be the Royal Navy's largest, most prestigious, and most powerful submarine.

Next month's ceremony will be no splash-down spec tacle. It will be a sedate occasion and most of those attending will not even see the submarine get its bot-tom wet, because the boat will not hit the water until the day after the official launching ceremony. HMS Vanguard will take HMS Vanguard will stay high and dry at its official launch ceremony next month. Michael Evans writes

one and a half hours to be lowered, at the rate of 20cm (8ins) a minute, to the correct floating level depth of 15 metres below the surface. The submarine, with just its conning-tower and top section of the hull visible, will then be towed out by tugs to

a nearby berth.
The 110 billion Trident boats are to replace the Polaris fleet by the end of the decade HMS Vanguard will be in service by December 1994. Two others, HMS Victorious and HMS Vigitant, are being built in the same construction hall. which is 269 metres long, 67 metres wide and more than 50 metres high. A fourth boat is expected to be

ordered shortly.

As the political parties have argued over whether the navy should have three boats or four and whether the missiles should carry three warheads or eight, preparations for the first nching have continued.

The infrastructure needed for building the submarines has involved British companies in what has been described as the most advanced naval shipbuilding facility in the world.

The £250 million Devonshire Dock Hall, the name given to the Trident complex, was among the biggest civil engineering projects undertaken in this country. John Elliott, former senior partner of RT James & Partners, the consulting en-

gineers awarded the design and management contract, said that there had been many breakthroughs in designing the facility. development was the deci-

The most remarkable sion to reject the system of shipbuilding, which had not changed radically in 100 years, in which a vessel is built out of doors on a slipway. Submarines built in that way have to be laun-ched half-finished down the slipway, sealed like a can to

avoid sinking, only to be cut open later for the installa-

tion of heavy machinery. HMS Vanguard will emerge from the shed on March 4 a finished product although without her missiles and torpedoes.

Mr Elliott, who retired as senior partner but has staved on as a consultant, said that Vanguard had been built on a large, open floorspace with the hull sections supported on wheels. Machinery and equipment were installed in each section, before they were weld-ed together to form the complete hull.

☐ Equipment orders worth £500 million were announced yesterday by the government for the Royal Navy and RAF.

The package includes a £50 million order for six Sea King search and rescue helicopters to replace the RAF's ageing Wessex fleet, 13 Harrier trainer aircraft, and 200 Alarm anti-radar missiles. The Harriers and Alarm missiles will be supplied by British Aerospace. The Sea Kings will come

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A misadventure verdict was recorded yesterday on a boy

Sunday Times appeal succeeds

Court ruling bans council libel suits

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

comed the ruling yesterday as

LIBEL actions cannot be brought by local authorities or government departments, the Court of Appeal decided in a landmark legal ruling yesterday. The three judges held unanimously that Derbyshire county council was not entitled to sue The Sun-

day Times.
The council had lodged proceedings against the newspaper over articles published in September 1989 about alleged deals involving David Bookbinder, the council leader, and Owen Ovston. a businessman. The decision breaks new ground in that the judges reached their decision by reference to article ten of the European Convention on Human Rights, which, guarantees freedom of expression. The ruling may be challenged by the council in

an important and enlightened victory for the press. Antony Whitaker, legal man-ager for Times Newspapers, said: "We are delighted by the judgment. It is is a vindication of The Sunday Times's position and means that we are not at risk from councils or government departments who might want to silence a newspaper if they felt they wanted to protect themselves

against media comment." The claim was launched over allegations about investment deals involving the council's superannuation funds. Libel actions were also launched by Mr Bookbinder, who announced recently that he is to stand down as leader of the council, and by Mr Oyston, whose action against The Sunday Times was settled last October. Mr Whitaker added that

The Sunday Times wel-Sado-masochist convictions stand

By PETER VICTOR

FIVE homosexual sado-masochists convicted of assault and indecency after acts of genital torture on each other failed to convince the Court of Appeal yesterday that they should not have been prosecuted.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled that though the men had consented to the violence this was no defence.

The five men were convicted with ten others at the Old Bailey in December 1990. The acts of violence had spanned ten years and were recorded on video tape, copied and distributed.

Lord Lane said yesterday that Judge Rant had been right in ruling that satisfying sado-masochistic urges was not a good reason for inflicting serious injury. However, Lord Lane accepted that they had not appreciated that

their conduct was criminal and he directed that some of the sentences be cut:

Lord Lane, who was sitting

with Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Potts, said that the principal mitigation was that the victims not only consented but seemingly derived pleasure from the infliction of pain. It had been contended that assault was not established unless the prosecution could prove a hostile act by the accused. However, at the very least, the intention in this case was the infliction of pain involving a sufficient degree of hostility to constitute

assault, he said. Lord Lane reduced the sentences of four of the five who had received immediate jail terms. He also allowed a sentence appeal by a sixth man who did not challenge his conviction.

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councils still had the protection of being able to sue for malicious falsehood. However, there were significant differences between such an action and one for libel: first, a shift in the burden of proof, so that the plaintiff must

prove that the words are false. In libel, the defendant must prove that the defamatory words are true. Second, the plaintiff has to prove malice (this is not the case in libel), and third, damage is not pre-sumed in malicious falsehood as it is in libel. He added that the judgment in no way reduced the right of a council member to sue as an individ-ual if he or she could show that comments about the council reflected on him or-

In the High Court last year, Mr Justice Morland ruled that the council was entitled to sue for libel in its own right to protect its "governing" reputation. Yesterday, Lords Jusces Raicomh Gibson and Butler-Sloss allowed an appeal by Times Newspapers, Andrew Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, and the reporters Rosemary Collins and Peter Hounam.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson said: "To allow a local government authority to sue for libel would, in my judgment, im-pose a substantial restriction upon freedom of expression." If councils were allowed to sue in the way sought by Derbyshire public discussion of matters of public impor-tance might well be restricted.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss said that the court had to balance the competing rights of the press to provide information and to comment, criticise, offend, shock or disturb against the right of a governmental corporation to be pro-tected against false, seriously inaccurate or unjust accounts of its activities. She considered that there were laws oth-er than libel which were adequate to protect a council

> David Pannick, page 12 Law Report, page 26

Britain throws doubt on EC energy tax

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY

THE European Community should not take unilateral action to counter global warming with its proposed carbon and energy tax, the government says in a memorandum to a House of Lords committee that discloses significant misgivings about the

Ministers fear that the tax might adversely affect the Community's industrial competitiveness, especially if it were not matched by the US and Japan. The government also feels that it might not lead to a global reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide, the gas from coal-fired power stations and motor vehicles principally responsible for the greenhouse effect.

The European Environment Commissioner, Carlo Ripa di Meana, proposed the tax last year as a means of meeting the Community's target of stablising carbon dioxide emissions at present levels by 2000, suggesting that it be introduced in

Half the tax would be levied on all energy sources, and half on the specific carbon content of fossil fuels, which descends in magnitude from coal through oil to gas. It is intended to be revenue-neutral, with the carbon and energy tax increase being offset reductions in tax elsewhere, so that the aggregate level of demand in the econoing the proposal today, shows that the government has considerable reservations about the practicality of the idea.

The government maintains that although the tax, which might add between 2 and 4 per cent to consumer prices, would be likely to produce some switching from coal to gas, there is still too much uncertainty about how much carbon dioxide the Community will be producing by the turn of the century to know whether it would achieve its aim. The proposal to exempt energy-intensive industries, such as steel and chemicals, from the scope of the tax, is

thought to be illogical.

Ministers also fear that the tax could lead to lower fossil for prices and higher consumption in countries outside the Community.

Andrew Warren, of the Association for the Conservation of Energy, commented ency record is worsening year by year. Energy demand has gone up even though GDP has gone down, and we urgently need strong national energy saving programmes if we are to reject those that Brussels offers."

• The United Nations is to recommend speeding up the elimination of ozone-depleting chemicals under the Montreal Protocol. The protocol target date of 2000 has already been overtaken by unilateral commitments from America, Britain and other countries. A UN Environment Programme official said in Singapore yesterday that the target date would

aged six who died after choking during a doughnut-eating "race" in a school dining room. Graham Merrett, of Wick, near Liitlehampton, West Sussex, had asked a classmate at Wickbourne infants' school if he wanted to see who could eat a doughnut

in the shortest time. The friend declined but Graham was seen to eat his doughnut quickly and col-lapse. His heart stopped for a time and he suffered severe brain damage. At the hospital where he died two days later a lump of dough the size of a table tennis ball was removed from his throat.

At the inquest in Worthing, Mark Calvert-Lee, the West Sussex coroner, said: "I am satisfied that once Graham had been noticed by adults to be in difficulties, appropriate treatment was given." Marian Merrett, the boy's mother, said afterwards that more should be done to supervise children at school meals.

Patients sent on coach trip

organising coach trips to a Grimsby hospital for 48 people to have nose operations at a cost to the authority of £750 a patient. They have been waiting more than two years and Bradford hospitals cannot undertake the opera-tions by the end of next month, as had been pledged.

Home goal

Stafford Rangers football dub, bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference league, has asked the Home Office if Brian Palgrave, a player serving a nine-month jail sentence for theft, can be released on match days to help it to avoid relegation.

Mixed results

Scotland's road safety year brought a drop in traffic accident deaths by eight to 545 in 1990 but 197 pedestrians were killed. 20 more than in the previous year.

Pensioner dies

Frederick Smith, aged 83. who collapsed at Denmead, Hampshire, died while waiting for an second ambulance

after the first one sent for him Victims named Two men who died when their car plunged 500ft over Beachy Head, East Sussex. were named as Anthony Val-

entine, aged 19, of Isleworth, and David Wilder, aged 21, of Northholt, both west

£2m drug haul Customs officers found 600kg of cannabis, with a street value of nearly £2 million, on a Dutch lorry at Dartford, Kent.

Rabies move

Isle of Wight county council is to consider a suggestion from its deputy leader. Peter Brand, that all wild animals Dublin meeting, page 1 | be vaccinated against rabies.

season announced yesterday. She plays Perpetua in Christopher Fry's Venus Observed, my is unaffected. opening in May, and Kate in Goldsmith's She However, a written memorandum submitted jointly by Stoops to Conquer, in August. The season also includes Melvyn Bragg's first full-length play, King Lear in New York, and a Renaissance Theatre Company production of Coriolanus, with Kenneth Branagh and Dame Judi Dench. the Treasury and the environment and energy departments to the House of Lords European Communities probably be brought forward Committee, which is discuss-Army of dissidents crosses the Irish sea in defiance of constitution

from the British Pregnancy Advice Service office near Tottenham Court Road, in central London, towards the clinic in Richmond, Mary and I agreed that it did not feel as if we were doing anything controversial, let alone unconstitutional.

abortion had been easier for Mary than for most people on the minibus. We were from middle-class, liberal south Co Dublin. We did not have the hang-ups of our parents generation.

The decision had been easier, but not easy. Abortion is an extremely emotive issue in the Irish republic. We had joined the campaign in 1983 against adding an anti-abortion clause to the constitution (abortion was already illegal), a matter that had divided the country. We distributed leaflets and castigated the clergy. We were from the liberal wing of

Women who had abortions were described as murderers. Those who admitted having had them received hate mail. Priests preached weekly about the evils of abortion. The amendment was passed

Writing as Dermot McMahon, an Irishman recalls his girl friend's trip to

guilt. was abortion. We, however, were not from a rural town where everyone knows everyone else's business. The decision to have an where the Catholic church is all powerful, and where infor-

Conquering Kate: Susannah Harker, one of the

stars of Chichester Festival Theatre's 1992

impossible to come by. On that crisp, sunny Saturday morning, I was conscious of being part of a hidden army of dissidents. At home.

England. That's 11 a day. the capital city. For most on the bus, the decision had been more difficult. The girl from Ballymun Flats, dilapidated tower blocks on Dublin's northside, sat quietly, holding her boy friend's hand. She was unmarried and already had a

by a two-to-one majority.
It was still a painful decision. Catholic up-bringing dies hard. Sex education had been dominated by slide shows of aborted foctuses. Fear and guilt were the order of the day. The ultimate fear had put off deciding on an

London for an abortion that broke the law and the ultimate cause of abortion for weeks, but there

coming along to support her.
The middle-aged woman from Athlone looked to be in mation on abortion is almost

the constitution, the politicians, the clergy, and the majority of the people said that they would try to stop us from doing this. Yet here we were, going to Richmond to break the constitution. The minibus driver told us that 21, sat quietly at the back of he did the trip every Saturthe bus. We never learnt her day. Official figures show circumstances. that, each year, 4,000 Irish people come for abortions in As the bus passed a con-vent, the driver sniggered:

child by another man. Now. she wanted to settle down with this boy friend, whose

child she was carrying.

He, however, wanted to go to Australia. There was no

was no changing his mind. He had been decent about it, she told Mary, paying for the trip and the operation, and

shock. Seven days earlier, she had found out that her 15-year-old daughter was pregnant. She had not imagined that the girl would have boy friends at that age, let alone have sex. The mother had moved quickly. "Her father doesn't know," she said. "He'd go mad. He thinks we're just visiting my sister." The fifth girl, aged about

"You'd all be in less of mess if you'd been in there." He laughed. No one else did, At the clinic, the women signed forms. Few questions were asked except, were they sure they believed they were doing the right thing? At home, we had been warned that it was essential to be dogmatic about saying yes. Otherwise they might tell you to come back another day. Paying another fare from Dublin.

might be impossible.

of girls shouting together, a title fight involving Barry McGuigan was on television. and the Irish could not con-tain their excitement. In the ward, Mary did not feel as if anything momen-tous had happened. She felt guilty, she said, because she didn't feel guilty. The Ballymun girl was sobbing gently. Her abortion had come later in pregnancy. She felt more discomfort, but, she

taken to the operating the-atre at 20-minute intervals.

At 6pm, there was the sound

had told Mary, she was also desolate over what might have been. She had dreamt of her and the boy friend and two kids starting a new life. Next day, the mother of the 15-year-old asked wheth-er I thought all would be well. I told her that it would. She paused, and said: "Do you remember that amendment last year about abortion?". I replied that I did. "Well, God forgive me," she said, "but I voted for that."

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Ashdown **WOOS** women's vote

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

UNDER the Liberal Democrats, state pensions will no longer be based on contributions. Paddy Ashdown promised yesterday, as he outlined a package of measures to help women to realise their full potential.

Mr Ashdown pledged to revolutionise caring for children and women's employment prospects by introducing childcare vouchers usable at private, state or voluntary nurseries or workplace creches. Only under the Liberal Democrat fair-voting vstem would there be a parliament that truly represented men and women, he said.

In a speech to women Liberal Democrat candidates at the Commons, Mr Ash-down said that the "long ascendancy of male values in our society and economy is

Mr Ashdown was staking his party's claim for the womcn's vote. His contention that the Liberal Democrats had the highest proportion of women candidates was countered by Labour. As his party claimed 133 women candidates, with two others about to be selected. Labour claimed 134, with up to four

others close to selection. The pledge to abolish the contributory principle for state pensions is part of a plan costed at £3 billion to increase the single person's pension by £5 a week and a married couple's by £8.

Labour has made the same promise, although it is not ending the contributory prin-ciple. Its plan is costed at £2.7 billion. The Liberal Demosmall as people who at present do not receive a full pension because their contributions were not high enough receive income support instead after being means-tested. In most cases this would no longer be required and the costs would balance out.



Commons ambition: Paddy Ashdown surrounded by some of the Liberal Democrats' 133 women prospective parliamentary candidates, at Westminster yesterday

Labour launches counter-attack on spending plans

Middle classes to get tax reprieve

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND PHILIP WEBSTER-

THE Labour leadership is planning to soften the impact of its tax proposals on middle class voters in the key election battlegrounds of London and the South of England.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, yesterday confirmed a report in The Times that he would spell out within days of the March 10 Budget how he would raise the £3.5 billion to pay for spending pledges on pensions and

It is understood that Mr Smith is preparing to ease the burden on people earning £21,000-£30,000, whose votes are likely to be central to the outcome of the election.

Under Labour's present plans, this group, which includes many teachers, doctors ginal tax rates of 34 per cent

or 49 per cent, when the 9 per cent national insurance charge is taken into account. His review is considering the option of lowering the combined income tax and NI marginal rates to nearer 30

Sources close to Mr Smith said yesterday: "We will set out where our top rate of tax will be. We will clarify how we intend to remove the upper earnings limit of £21.000 on NI contributions. Mr Smith's disclosure at a

London press conference that he would be giving "further details" next month represented a big shift from his past stance that voters would have to wait for his first Budget to discover his intentions. With Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, widely expected

to make tax cuts the centre-

piece of his Budget. Mr proach. However, they are Smith's review is part of an early Labour counter-offensive. Neil Kinnock will try to spike Tory guns by pledging to restore the tax cuts and use the minimum £2 billion on offer for immediate improve ments in public services. The intention is to draw a stark contrast between the two parties over the central election

However, Mr Kinnock and his senior colleagues are determined to deflect the Conservative charge that they would impose an unacceptable burden on people on relatively modest incomes. Senior shadow cabinet

issue of tax and spending.

sources suggested yesterday that with the recession proving more intractable than osed, Labour could justify a less deflationary ap-

also sensitive to the inevitable Tory riposte that any scaling down of their current plans would amount to a retreat. One source said that with the government widening the scope for tax cuts in the Budget by being prepared to take risks with the public sector borrowing requirement, Labour would also be presented with an opportunity in the

Budget next month. Mr Kinnock set the ball rolling for the tax rethink last month when he let it be known that the NI changes might be phased rather than introduced in one go by lift-ing the £21,000 ceiling. Roy Hattersley and other senior shadow cabinet members have been pressing for greater clarity and Mr Smith has responded to their concerns.

Labour's pensions and benefits package would cost about £3.5 billion. If the Tories knock Ip off the basic rate of tax (costing about £2 billion) it could pay for two of its firm pledges by accepting the Chancellor's PSBR target, restoring basic rate tax cuts and doing little more than tinkering with the higher rates of tax and national

The crux of the case against Mr Smith's tax and spending package, which was drawn up at the height of the Tory boom, is that it could have a deflationary effect, making the recession even worse Ministers have gleefully seized on this point to lambast the Opposition. More significantly, the force of the argument is gaining ground in senior Labour circles.

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more aid

Britain pledges

to the UN Population Fund this year, an increase of £1.5 million, Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, said in a written reply. She said the money was a 20 per cent increase on last year Most of the money will be spent on family planning projects organised by the fund.

Empty homes

Eight out of the ten local authorities with the most empty council houses are Labour-controlled, Sir George Young, the hous-ing minister, said at Commons question time. The ten between them have 23,000 empty properties Manchester is top of the list with 6,000; Liverpool has

Court costs

The cost of legal aid in 1990-1 was £852 million gross, spent on 2,384 cases, Sir Patrick Mayhew the Attorney-general, said in a written reply. The figures compared with £715 million on 2,298 cases in the previous year.

No amnesty

People who have not paid the community charge will be pursued until they do pay, Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said during questions.
"There will be no amnesty," he said.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; prime minister. Transport and Works Bill and Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, remaining stages. Lords (3): Local Government Finance Bill, report.

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Gould feels the sting in Scottish nationalism

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quality was promised yester-

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concern about rising levels of

. Mr Trippier said air quality

should get better in the next

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sures take effect to reduce

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cited catalytic converters, new

standards for heavy diesels.

new exhaust emission tests.

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sures and legislation which

has raised standards of pollu-

He was responding at ques-

tion time in the Commons to

Jeremy Corbyn (Islington

North, Lab), who highlighted

anxiety at the spread of asth-

ma among children, especial-

ly in the capital, where air

quality last December was at

tion control.

environment minister, amid

asthma among children.

Bryan Gould, star of Labour's 1987 election campaign, does not often have to wriggle. If he does, he is normally too profesional to let it show. there was no mistaking Mr Gould's discomfort when interviewed by Jonathan Dimbleby on Sunday for the BBC's On the Record. What got him going was what has become known as

the Robin Cook question. Mr Cook has suggested that, when a Labour gov ernment has given Scot-land a devolved tax-raising assembly, he would not feel able as a Scottish member to serve in an English ministry. In essence he has recognised that a choice has to be made. Labour's leadership has yet to acknowledge any choice.

Mr Gould's interviewer pointed out that once you have a Scottish assembly English MPs will be debarred from voting on a range of issues for Scot-land, while Scottish MPs (48 of the 72 are currently Labour MPs) will be enti-tled to vote for legislation

affecting England. Mr Gould first tried to pretend that such an imbalance, with Westminster controlling only overall ec-onomic policy, defence and foreign affairs for Scotland, was no different from the present imbalance. with a good deal of Scot-tish government undertaken by a Scottish Office.

Then he said that as a "partial solution" it would be counterbalanced by the provision of devolved government for the English re-gions, implying that if the English regions ever developed the same self-identification as Scotland, they could be accorded the same powers as the Scots. But there is a mis-match. Labour's policy documents, offering a Scottish assembly within a year. talk only of regional bodies within a parliament.

What Mr Gould did not have was an answer to the question: what happens if a Labour government with a small majority, having provided devolution for Scotland which prevented English MPs voting on. say. Scottish health or education, pushed through the Westminster Parliament controversial new laws for English health or education, using the voting pow-er of Scottish Labour MPs

te do so?. --You could Mr Gould By ROBIN OAKLEY

admitted, debar Scots MPs from voting on such matters. But he offered no hint that Labour would consider doing so. What we used to know as the "West Lothian question" is back to haunt the Labour party.

Labour has had to prom-

ise its regional bodies because of northern MPs' fears that a Scottish parliament would lure inward investment across the border. But it is making little of them because it is jumpy about Tory charges that such bodies would be ex-pensive white elephants wrapped in red tape.

here was a television There was a television set in Huntingdon tuned to Mr Gould's discomfort, and John Major is planning to exploit Labour's embarrassment on his trip to Scotland this weekend. But there is justification, too, for Labour's charges that the Tories are prepared to gamble with the union by polarising the debate between independence and the status quo.

Senior ministers agree that there is no dividend for them in fighting the election as the "fourth most enthusiastic devolution party", and that they might as well maximise the unionist vote. But they admit they will have to

tives are returned to power nationally but left with a tiny rump of Scottish MPs. what it the nationali

start thinking again about

surge, with between a third and a half of those polled recently supporting inde-pendence, becomes a flood? No British government would seek to hold the Scots to the union against their will.

Sir Philip Goodhart, the Tory MP for Beckenham. has written to the prime minister advocating a brace of referendums. saying that what the Scots need is a way in which they themselves could start the constitutional process leading to independence and a way of ensuring that a clear majority still wanted it after the full financial implications had been

worked out. The first referendum would ask if they wanted to dissolve the union. If 50 per cent plus one opted for independence, two years' work would be required, he suggests, on preparing a financial package. Once that package was agreed, a second referendum would decide the question.

The two-referendum package has already been approved by the US Congress for resolving the Puerto Rican independence issue. Sir Philip ip says. Its advantage here would be that the UK could not be dissolved casually as the result of a temporary surge of emotion.



Thorny issues: Gould dices with devolution

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Embarrassed Solidarity denies CIA dollars helped it win



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Gwiazda: Solidarity

how Solidarity funded its long resistance to the martial law regime of General Woiciech Jaruzelski has been flushed into the open by a report in Time magazine that an anti-communist plot was hatched by the Pope and

President Reagan. Janusz Palubicki, who has been Solidarity treasurer since the mid-1980s, has denied the report, by Carl Bernstein of Watergate fame, that Solidarity received money from the Central Intelligence Agency. The article, he said yesterday, was a "mixture of lies and truth that is difficult to separate for those who had no contact with the Solidarity underground".

Equipment was smuggled into Poland, but not as claimed, by priests and American agents. "There

Solidarity says its millions came from Western unions, but communists cling to their conspiracy theories, Roger Boyes reports from Warsaw

were no faxes, phones or matter. Much money did entelexes among the smuggled equipment, and anybody who claims that there were simply has no grasp of how Poland, or the underground. operated at the time." The denial from Solidarity came soon after a Vatican statement that the Pope was not party to any secret deal to topple communism. But the former communists have seen all their conspiracy the-

ories confirmed. For Solidarity, the report has touched a raw nerve. The cash flow during the under-ground period is a secret

Money arrived in suitcases by courier, sometimes \$100,000 at a time. Typically, the hard currency was used to print leaflets and ter Poland at the time, the books, to look after the famsource was not always clear. ilies of political prisoners. and angry disputes about and to fund fugitives who how it was used still divide were changing flats and cars the Solidarity establishment. to avoid detection. As Mr Palubicki admits, it

is hard to say now exactly

how the money was spent.

There was no conventional

book-keeping because the

police could have seized our

accounts." He says cash was

distributed to the different

 Andrzej Gwiazda, the former deputy leader of Solidarity, says about \$9 million (about £5 million at present rates) was channelled to Solidarity during the time it was outlawed. Mr Palubicki says \$110,00 in aid was received in 1982, and that by 1989 it had reached \$1.5 million. The funds came from the

regions according to need, and that a region would receive less the next year if it free trade unions institute, became obvious that money was being squandered. the AFL-CIO American

trade union, and the National Endowment for De-There are Warsaw under-ground activists, however, who are still bitter that monmocracy, and were funnelled through a Brussels account. ey intended for the whole union stayed in the Gdansk region. The distribution of money at the time remains a divisive issue. That is why the identities of early Solidarity treasurers are still secret, and why, at the 1990 Solidarity national congress, it was decided that there should be no public debate about

> finances. Vatican involvement in the Solidarity resistance was rather more subtle than the version given by Mr Bernstein: smuggling priests and emissaries shuttling between Washington and Rome.

The CIA and the Vatican appear to have pooled intelligence on Polish affairs after the declaration of martial law. One explanation for the

Pope's remarkable tolerance of the strange goings-on in the Institute for Religious Works (the Vatican bank) is that a shell company was involved in financing Solidarity. That is still in the realm of informed speculation, but the church was certainly putting much money into helping the families of the 5,000 internees and other political prisoners.

General Czeslaw Kiszczak, interior minister in the martial law years, says in memoirs published recently that his secret police had thor-oughly penetrated the underground. "About 90 per cent of funds arriving from the West passed through our hands." The ultimate source of Solidarity funds was almost certainly the CIA, he says. "If some of our intellectuals had received money

openly labelled 'CIA', they would not have touched it. But the funds were always channelled under the cover of some other organisation. We did not seize the money because we could have done that only once: then our channel of information would have dried up."

• Cowardice charge: Poland's centre-right govern-ment faced criticism of its plans to ease austerity, and a top Solidarity politician called for a new ruling coalition that would pursue freemarket reforms much more effectively.

Leaders of two pro-reform Solidarity parties virtually accused the government of Jan Olszewski of cowardice and populism in the face of public discontent with the past two years. (Reuter)

MPs sound alarm over exodus from restless East

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, was rebuked by British MPs yesterday for being "too sanguine" about the prospect of dictators taking power amid the turmoil in Central and Eastern

In a bleak analysis of the new era of instability rocking the new democracies, the House of Commons' committee on foreign affairs said that the people had been left vulnerable to the appeal of plausible autocrats. The report also warned the British government of a resurgence of nationalist fervour in response to the potential flood of economic migrants out of

In evidence to the enquiry, foreign office officials estimated that between one and seven million people might be moving westwards from the old Soviet bloc. The MPs said that, unless more assistance is given by the West to the new democracies, the magnet of the European Community could tempt hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people from the East to "get up and go" looking for a

Attempts forcibly to return those who are fleeing from either economic deprivation or political repression are likely to revolt public opinion, the MPs said. The report talks of the "darker side of

Expo fire hurts pride of Spain

FROM FRANK SMITH IN MADRID

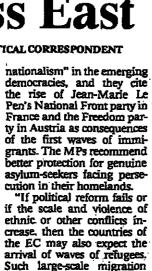
THIS is Spain's "year of wonders", with Barcelona hosting the Olympic Games. Expo '92 at Seville and the 500th anniversary of Columbus's voyage of discovery to America. In addition. Madrid is this year's Cultural Capital of

But the destruction of the Discoveries Pavilion on the Expo site has come as a severe blow. The flames not only destroyed the main showpiece of the Age of Discoveries fair, but also deeply damaged Spain's belief that it can promote itself seriously as a modern and vigorous society.

Government ministers and Expo officials are trying to put on a brave face, pointing out that there are 89 other pavilions. But they have suffered an embarrassing setback less than nine weeks before the opening of Expo, which the organisers are hoping will attract 18 million visitors during its run from April 20 to October 12.

There had been four fires at the Expo site, on the island of La Cartuja, before Tuesday. But they were all minor compared to the latest, in the extent of the physical and psychological damage caused. Many of the doubts about the wisdom and viability of the whole 1992 enterprise and of Spain's ability to cope have now been reawakened.

This is the real image of modern Spain mess." El Mundo said in an editorial yesterday, pointing out that Spain has the largest number of building accidents in Europe. "The only thing we can be thankful for is that the fire happened before the



the EC may also expect the arrival of waves of refugees. Such large-scale migration would constitute a serious problem for all of the member states of the EC," the report said. For example, up to 150,000 Hungarians have fled Croatia: Hungary, in turn, has up to 50,000 refugees from Romania; there are thousands of Romanians in Czechoslovakia: in Peland there are about 100,000 Belorussians and Ukrainians. In addition, the committee

predicts that the United Nations peacekeeping force might have to be virtually permanently stationed in the area to control warring factions as instability was likely to continue indefinitely.

During the enquiry Mr Hurd told the cross-party committee chaired by former Conservative cabinet minister David Howell, that he hoped the experience of totalitarian rule had "inoculated" the peoples for the time being against the temptation of returning to such repressive regimes. However, the committee, which toured the region. disagreed, and foresaw the prospect of a slide into autocratic habits and a tendency to disregard the democratic

Brussels: The European Economic Area, the fusion of the European Community and Efta nations, has hit yet another snag on its troubled path to establishment (Tom Walker writes).

Having last week overcome the hitch of unclear legislation, the European parliament yesterday won a sig-nificant victory over the European Commission when it insisted that the new chapters of the treaty solving the legal hitch had to be returned to the European Court of Justice for approval.

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attempt at a retreat in Rome for the Missionaries of Charity. They talked privately for 20 minutes

Russian reforms add to jobless

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN officials painted a grim picture yesterday of millions of citizens thrust into poverty by the government's shock therapy".

Fyodor Prokopov, a deputy minister of employment, said unemployment could reach eight million by the end of 1992, 10 per cent of the Russian workforce. "Government means might not be enough to pay unemploy-ment benefits to all those registered." he added.

Ella Pamfilova, minister of social protection, said that 90 per cent of Russia's 150 million people now have an official monthly per capita in-come below 700 roubles little over half the cost of a typical monthly grocery bill. "Living standards have fallen rapidly since prices were filed," she said. A Russian official in Frankfurt to discuss aid efforts said that 64 million citizens - invalids, the elderly, orphans, other children and refugees - were in need of special help.

Russia freed prices on many goods and services on January 2 as part of a move to a market economy, sending living costs soaring. Aggressive privatisation and the closing of loss-making enterprises are set to follow, swelling unemployment.

President Yeltsin has pledged to help the poor, but few details have been made public. He was due to appear on Russian television last

Yegor Gaidar, the deputy prime minister, who designed President Yeltsin's radical reforms, said that the greatest threat to his market policies came from the possible breakup of the fragile Commonwealth of Independent States. The collapse of the CIS could act as a landmine that would blow up all of our reforms." he told the Literatumaya Gazeta.

Rise of the rouble fools speculators

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

FOR any Muscovite Rip van Winkle waking today, there is a sight even more incredible than the tsarist flag over the Kremlin: sane, ordinary people queueing to exchange hard currency for roubles. In December, street-smart

operators in Russia's topsytury economy decided the rouble was about to crash. Savers empired piggy banks to buy jewellery, sofas, televisions and, above all, dollars. They were wrong to do so. Rates on the black market are nudging 50 roubles to the dollar, compared with 130 three weeks ago. On Tuesday. at the latest of the Russian Central Bank's weekly cur-

rency auctions for enterprises, the local currency jumped from 210 to 170 to the dollar. At the same time the amount of Western money put up for auction surged \$18 million (£10 million). In response to these market

signals, the Central Bank adjusted its rate from 110 to 100 roubles to the dollar, the first rise for many months. The new conventional wisdom has it that it is all a deep, dark plot by the government and/or the malia to strip the people of precious dollars and buy wooden roubles; soon the rouble will crash and/or a monetary reform will confiscate everyone's savings. Yet, plots or no plots, there are good fundamentals behind

First, the freeing of prices on January 2 attracted into ordinary shops - as opposed to hard-currency emporia patronised by the lucky few a wider range of desirable goods. Second. businesses need roubles because of a credit squeeze and mounting wage bills. And, third, there is the psychological effect of Western interest in establishing a stabilisation fund to shore up the currency.

the rouble's rise.

Serbia's banks bait hook for **UN** troops

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

SERBIA may not have won the war, but its banks have fired the opening salvoes in the battle to win the peace. Almost drooling at the prospect of the hard currency a United Nations force of 13,000 peacekeepers will bring with it, two of the republic's biggest banks are vying with each other to capture the UN accounts.

Beogradska Bank, formerly run by Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, has been boasting that it has branches in Serb-held areas of Croatia and links to banks in New York, London and Paris. This, it says, will ease paying the "blue helmets".

Vojvodanska Bank has gone one further. According to Mirko Djuric, its director, it has a network of offices in the areas hit by the war and is able to perform all necessary banking services for the UN troops. Since areas "hit by the war", such as Vukovar in eastern Croatia, do not even have electricity, the cashing of even a Eurocheque seems a somewhat distant prospect.

The scramble for the UN accounts is by no means a topic of marginal interest. since millions of Yugoslavs have lost their hard currency in these self-same banks. Over the past year these bankrupt institutions have simply refused, or been unable, to pay hard currency, leading to hunger strikes and demonstrations by people who have lost their life savings. "Beogradska Bank - the biggest thief' read a placard at a recent rally. Foreign currency accounts are common in Yugoslavia because so many people have worked abroad and have always sent money home for their families and

their retirement. UN troops may decide that blue money-belts will be their safest option. Any advance party of UN accountants will do well to produce a troop guide to "what notes where". Croatian dinars circulate on one side of the front line, but Yugoslav dinars are still the currency on the other. In Serb-held areas of Croatia old Yugoslav banknotes no long-er valid anywhere else are still legal tender.

Politicians in Bosnia and Macedonia have been reticent about whether they have their own currency ready to introduce. In response, Serbia's bankers have denied they are ready to retaliate with a Serbian dinar.

UN troops, beware: Yugoslav banks deliver less than they promise, and black marketeers will have bales of the old stuff ready to unload at the most favourable of rates.

morality, which come at a

moment when Olympique

Marseille's finances are

under scrutiny. M Gaudin

has publicly denounced

"the Tapie method, which is

like a manhunt". As the

Germany waives Warsaw debts

Bonn: Germany, one of Poland's main creditors, said vesterday that it would forgive half of Warsaw's official debt to support the fledgeling democracy's reforms.

The finance ministry said it had agreed with Polish officials to write off 50 per cent of Poland's 9.1 billion marks (£3.1 billion) official debt to Germany. The reduction will he made in two stages on the basis of a landmark agreement reached last March between Poland and the 16nation Paris Club of government creditors to waive at least half of the country's total of \$33 billion (£18.6 billion) official debt.

Poland was recognised as a special case by the Paris Club because it is at the forefront of the transformation of Eastern Europe from communism to democracy and to free markets. (Reuter)

Chile welcome

Santiago: Erich Honecker, the former East German leader now living in Chile's Moscow embassy, is welcome in Chile if he is allowed to leave Russia, Edmundo Vargas, acting foreign minister. said. Germany wants to extradite him. (Reuter)

Moving up

Paris: Serge Boidevaix, aged 63. France's ambassador to Germany, has been appoint ed secretary-general, the top civil servant, of the foreign ministry here. He succeeds François Scheer, who was sacked with four others over the "Habash affair". (AP)

Greeks accused

Tirana: Albanians forcibly expelled from Greece on Saturday say they were tortured by Greek troops in the border village of Sajava in a systematic campaign to deter illegal immigration. They say people were burnt and some had limbs broken. (Reuter)

Toll mounts

Moscow: Fifteen people have been killed and 24 wounded this week in clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis in southwest Azerbaijan. The reported Azerbaijani claims that Armenians also took 90 hostages. (AFP)

Truck stop

The European Commission has proposed heavy taxes and restrictions on truck traffic to tackle vehicle pollution. It has also suggested measures to promote cheaper "bio-fuels" such as ethanol and esterified vegetable oils, to counter the erosion of fossil fuels.

Art restricted

Prague: A crucifixion scene and six other works of art on show in southern Czecho slovakia have been covered and visitors restricted to those over 18 on the insistence of local Roman Catholic priests. They say they are obscene, Rude Pravo reports. (Reuter)

Flesh-creeping

Berlin: Dozens of film critics walked out of the world premiere here of Hikarigoke. Japanese fim about cannibalism among shipwrecked sailors. They found the film, directed by Kei Kumai and Japan's only Berlin Festival entry, too realistic. (AFP)

Smokers win

Stuttgart: The Baden-Württemberg state supreme court has rejected an application by two passengers to ban smoking on all domestic Lufthansa flights on the ground that the complaints of two infrequent flyers did not warrant a general ban. (AP)

Marseilles mud flies left, right and very far right an all-in wrestling bout. Tapie's lectures on political

Even the French press, well used to

political extravagance, finds the

Marseilles campaign not to its taste,

Philip Jacobson reports from Paris

LOCAL politics in Marseilles were always something of a blood sport, but the sound and fury now being generated in the runup to next month's regional elections has shaken even seasoned observers. With leading candidates going straight for the jugular at every opportunity, the final campaigning will take place against an increasingly ugly background of alleged cor-

ruption and dirty tricks. The confrontation involves three politicians heading their own list of candidates for the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur constituency, which is dominated by Marseilles. One of them, inevitably, is Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the National Front. Opposing

him on a broadly socialist ticket are Bernard Tapie, a wheeler-dealer, and Jean-Claude Gaudin, the local conservative kingpin.

A brief sample of the insults that have been exchanged between the three rivals provides the flavour of their style on the hustings. In M Tapie's view, "Le Pen is a swine and so is anyone who votes for him." According to M Le Pen, "Tapié is a slobbering cretin, full of wind." M Gaudin has accused M Tapié of "political gangsterism" while he and M Le Pen circle each other with hostile intent in search

of the anti-socialist vote.

metry to these exchanges, it

is explained by the rich stew

of political feuding that has

constituencies there in 1988. The National Front leader's bitterness at being narrowly defeated in what he had assumed was a fairly sale seat was intensified when M Tapié - the millionaire owner of the city's all-conquering football team. Olympique Marseille If there is a certain sym-

With the National Front marked Marseilles in recent years. M Le Pen and M Tapié have clashed repeatedly since both stood for

— made it to the national assembly with the backing the political equivalent of of President Mitterrand.

now making progress in much of the country by exploiting the immigration issue. M Le Pen is exuding confidence about the outcome of the regional election in the Bouches-du-Rhône area lying around

Not long ago, he accepted an invitation to a live television debate with M Tapié. originally scheduled for next week. Most commentators expected it to turn into

would not be participating because of the insults that M Tapié had directed at him and his party. An odd reaction from a politician for whom strong rhetoric has been a stock in trade, leaving the combative M Tapié to crow over his opponent's refusal to "face this test of truth".

This week, however, M Le

Pen announced that he

senior aides on corruption charges. Incensed by M

As for M Gaudin, a former mayor of Marseilles who had protested bitterly about being excluded from the proposed debate, the main priority has been to dodge the mud being slung by both rivais after last week's arrest of one of his

brawl continues, it is attracting sharp criticism in the press, which is hardly unaccustomed to the electoral hurly-burly. Under the headline "Marseilles, or the art of gutter politics". Le Quotidien de Paris said that nothing in the city's rowdy past matches "the detestable level" of the debate.

A Libération editorial dismissed the endless exchanges of insults as no more than the borborygmes — bowel-rumbling — of political mediocrities.

Establishment left looking foolish

New Hampshire turns tables again

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW Hampshire has a long history of delivering stunning unsets, and Tuesday's primary ranks with the best of them. Rarely has the Washington establishment - Republican, Democratic and chattering classes - been made to look so out of touch and foolish.

On the Republican side, an incumbent president who had seen off communism and won a foreign war was humiliated by a television com-mentator, Patrick Buchanan. who had never held office and had decided to run only ten crats' victor was a man openly mocked when he declared his candidature last March. It was funny enough that Paul Tsongas had been out of office for eight years and that George Bush was at 91 per cent in the polls. The fact that Greek like Michael Dukakis. the Democrats' reviled 1988 nominee, made him look plain ridiculous.

Mr Tsongas was the ulti-mate anti-candidate. He had no charisma, no looks, no skills and a skeletal organis-

'Come-back kid' pledges victory

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN ATLANTA

GOVERNOR Bill Clinton of Arkansas, declaring himself to be the "come-back kid", after his second-place showing in the New Hampshire presidential primaries, came home to the American South yesterday to parade his enthusiastic rally

supporters.

Many of those in his audience admitted they could neither spell nor pronounce the name of Paul Tsongas, the New Hampshire victor. Mr Clinton promised he would beat Mr Tsongas in the long run, and blamed media attention on his personal life for obscuring his economic message and costing him the first primary victory.

Mr Clinton has all the boy-

next-door advantages in Georgia's March 3 primary that Mr Tsongas had in New Hampshire. His campaign. which has been working throughout the state since December, is endorsed by hundreds of local officials led by Senator Sam Nunn and Governor Zell Miller, who also addressed the rally at Cable News Network's centre in Atlanta yesterday.

At Mr Miller's urging, the

Georgia primary was moved forward a week from the main southern "Super Tuesday" date of March 10. Georgia will be the first test of whether southern conservatives will overlook Mr Clinon's reputation for marital infidelities and unwillingness to serve in Vietnam.

His supporters hope he will pass that test with ease and go on to win back the momen-

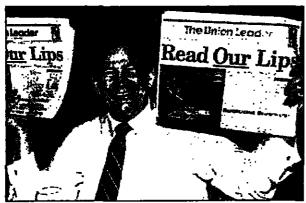


Clinton: aides deny he

is retreating south tum that he lost. He said yesterday it was good to get back to "the rest of the country". Aides rejected charges that he was retreating south to avoid further tests in such unfriendly territories as South Dakota, which has a primary on February 25.

Clinton campaign staff ac-cused the supporters of Sena-tor Bob Kerrey of Nebraska of fanning the issue of the governor's draft avoidance. Bernard Craighead, his cam-paign director, said cam-paign staff had received no negative phone calls when the draft story was published.

The large crowd of black and white voters waiting for Governor Clinton yesterday waved placards calling on Georgia to "Vote This Bill". Local analysts pointed out contenders had made a determined bid for the votes of both races that are crucial to success in Southern Demo-



Man of the moment: Pat Buchanan showing off newspaper headlines supporting his success

Buchanan's gain is Israel's loss

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S economic lifeline from the United States may have been irreparably harmed by Patrick Buchanan's strong showing in the New Hampshire primary and the growing public support for his brand of "Ameri-

ca first" nationalism. Officials and politicians privately expressed fears last night that Mr Buchanan's anti-Israeli stance and his pledge to stop all foreign aid could influence the direction of the presidential race.

"America first means America first and Israel second, third or fourth — that is the basic logic," Zvi Rafia, an Israeli commentator on American affairs, said. "That

means that if in the past Israel was getting all kinds of generous help which sailed through the administration and congress - no more." Mr Buchanan has established himself as the most vehement anti-Israeli figure

in Washington, particularly after he described Congress as "Israeli-occupied territory" because of the strong influence of the pro-Israeli Jewish lobby on Capitol Hill. The timing of the New

Hampshire result could not have come at a worse moment for Israel, the largest recipient of US economic and military aid, amuonting to \$3 billion (£1.7 billion) a year, and seeking extra funds.



ation of political amateurs. As recently as Christmas his national approval rating was 2 per cent. What he did have was a single strong message whose time had come.

While his rivals offer populist "lollipops" such as middie-class tax cuts and protectionism, Mr Tsongas prescribed bitter economic medicine to an electorate suffering an appalling hangover from 1980s excesses. His comic appearance and selfmockery pointed up his honesty and courage.

Mr Tsongas deserved a break and got two of them. Tom Harkin, the Iowa senator, entered the race, rendering meaningless his home state's caucuses and making New Hampshire, in Mr Tsongas's native New Eng-land, the first big test. Bill Clinton's campaign was then derailed by adultery and draft-dodging charges. Thus the Democrats' ugly duckling became their swan.

Mr Buchanan also seized the moment. He was one of many on the Republican right who felt betrayed by Mr Bush's drift. Economically battered, angry and conservative, New Hampshire was tailormade for a protest challenge. The Buchanan campaign sprang almost overnight from telephone conversations with his sister in California and was a model of inspired improvisation crowned by his talent for communication. He and a dozen amateurs easily outcampaigned the accumulated experience of the Republican establishment.

Mr Buchanan wrote all his own speeches and undermined the president with a flow of words that distracted attention from his own of political extremism. Before his arrival in New Hampshire "those people in Wash ington behaved as if they did not care", he said. The administration had only begun to worry about New Hampshire's 50,000 lost jobs when their own were suddenly own the line. He mocked "King George's hollow army'.

Mr Buchanan also had

breaks. The Manchester Union Leader, the only statewide paper, waged an almost hysterical campaign on his behalf and the White House was ineptitude personified.

Mr Buchanan's true support. Mr Buchanan camped out in New Hampshire while Mr Bush courted long-distance. Mr Buchanan aired non-stop advertisements showing Mr Bush making his 1988 "no new taxes" campaign pledge, while the White House "Rose Garden" strategy forbade

mention of Mr Buchanan. Loud and "ornery". Mr Bu-chanan electrified his audiences while the patrician Mr Bush had to import zest in the form of Arnold Schwarzenegger, the actor. In the last days Mr Bush handed Mr Buchanan a political plum by postponing his promised \$500-a-child rise in tax

exemptions.

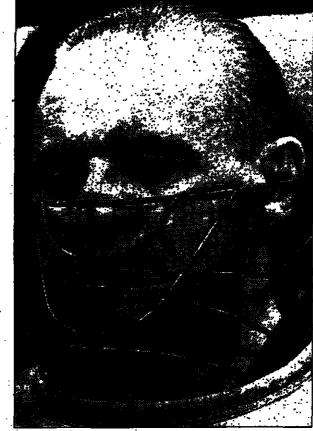
Mr Tsongas and Mr Buchanan, diametric opposites in politics and style, now face common obstacles. Their detractors argue that they will not sell beyond New Hampshire, that with 27 primaries in the next 30 days they lack the money, organisation and manpower to wage nationals campaigns. That may well prove the case, but New Hampshire has turned both these unlikely men into forces to be reckoned with.

Leading article, page 13 serial killer.



Double act: Susan Sarandon, left, and Geena Davis have both been nominated as best leading actress





Star performers: Warren Beatty, starting with Annette Bening in Bugsy, and Anthony Hopkins, right, playing Hannibal Lecter in The Silence of the Lumbs, were both nominated for the best actor award

FBI is to study

IN NEW YORK

IN A step that mirrors the plot of the film, The Silence of the Lambs, the FBI plans to probe the mind of Jeffrey Dahmer, the serial sex-killer who was sentenced this week to life imprisonment without parole for the murders of 15

young men in Wisconsin.
"We hope he will want to talk to us at some point,"
Thomas Salp, head of the
FBI's investigative support unit, said, confirming that the agency believes it could benefit from questioning Dahmer about the fantasies and obsessions that drove him to torture and even ear some of his victims. "The crimes are always in some way related to the personality of the killer," he added.

The interviews would be part of research into serial killers to help the FBI to offer characteristics and traits when next they investigated similar crimes, he said. In The Silence of the Lambs, Hannibal Lechter, a homicidal genius played by Antho-Bush strategy, page 1 ny Hopkins, helps an FB1 agent, played by Jodie Foster, to enter the mind of a similar

Anthony Hopkins tipped to win top Oscar award

emerged from the nominations for the 64th Academy Awards in Hollywood yester day, leaving it one of the most open Oscar races in years. The winners will be announced on March 30.

In another dismal year for British films. Anthony Hep kins receives his first Oscar nomination for his portrayal of the diabolic Hannibal the Cannibal in The Silence of the Lambs and is widely tipped to win the best actor award. Jonathan Demme's chilling thriller is nominated for a total of seven awards.

Bugsy. starring Warren Beatty, tops the list with ten nominations. Walt Disney's Beauty and the Beast received six nominations, including that for best picture, making it the first fully animated feature film to achieve this distinction.

Also a strong favourite for best picture is The Prince of Tides, starring Nick Nolte and Barbra Streisand, who is not nominated for the bestdirector award.

The controversy surround-ing Oliver Stone's JFK did not prevent it picking up eight nominations including best picture, although if it does win an Oscar it is more likely to be for best director. Aged just 23 when his surprise hit

Anthony Hopkins carries the flag for Britain in the Oscar nominations, William Cash writes from Los Angeles

Boyz N the Hood was released. John Singleton replaces Orson Welles, who was 26 when nominated for Citizen Kane, as the youngest director ever nominated.

Thelma & Louise, the feminist version of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, picked up six nominations including best leading actress for both Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon. Perhaps the clearest favourite for best actress to emerge, however, is Jodie Foster as the FBI trainee in The Silence of the Lambs, for which she also won the Golden Globe Award.

The Oscar nominations come at the end of a long and expensive campaign by the big studios to woo the 4,900 voting members of the academy with glossy advertise-ments in the Hollywood Reporter and Variety. The film companies behind Bugsy and JFK are estimated to have spent the most on Oscar publicity this year.

The main nominees are: Picture: Beauty and the Beast, Bugsy, JFK, The Prince of Tides, The Silence of the Lambs.

Robert De Niro. Cape Fear Anthony Hopkins, The Si lence of the Lambs; Nick Nolte, The Prince of Tides, Robin Williams, The Fisher

Kîng. Actress: Geena Davis, Thelma B Louise; Laura Dern, Rambling Rose; Jodie Foster, The Silence of the Lambs; Bette Midler, For The Boys; Susan Sarandon, Thelma & Louise.

Supporting actor: Tommy Lee Jones, JFK; Harvey Keitel, Bugsy: Ben Kingsley. Bugsy, Michael Lemer, Bar ton Fink: Jack Palance, City Slickers.

Supporting actress: Diane Ladd, Rambling Rose; Juli-ette Lewis, Cape Fear; Kate Nelligan, The Prince of Tides: Mercedes Ruehl, The Fisher King: Jessica Tandy, Fried Green Tomatoes.
Director: John Singleton,

Boys N The Hood; Barry Levinson, Bugsy; Oliver Stone, JFK; Jonathan Demme, The Silence of the Lambs: Ridley Scott, Thelma & Louise.

Kashmir marchers will defy **Pakistan**

Delhi: India and Pakistan are maintaining a heavy military presence on either side of the Kashmir ceasefire line amid renewed threats of an attempted mass border crossing in support of an independent, reunited Kashmir

(Christopher Thomas writes . Islamabad is divided over how to respond to the threat. having already been forced into the absurd position of shooting its citizens in defence of a border it has consistently said should not be there. The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front says it will lay siege to the border again on March 30. This time, the government may be reluctant to use the brutal tactics of last week.

The liberation front, which launched the violent secessionist movement in the valley nearly three years ago and was responsible for last week's border assault, was trained and supplied by Pakistan. But this is no longer the case: Pakistan has shifted its favours to fundamentalist groups. Islamabad's authority on its side of Kashmir is therefore being challenged by the very organisation it helped to launch.

Koreas enter 'new era'

London: Television viewers on both sides of the 38th parallel dividing North and South Korea saw their leaders sign treaties initiating a new era of peace in the peninsula (David Watts writes).

The ratification of nonaggression and non-nuclear pacts in Pyongyang has given rise to a feeling of optimism about reunification, whoch has been reinforced by a newspaper photograph of President Kim Il Sung, North Korea's "Great Lead-er", and Kim Woo Chong, head of South Korea's Daewoo conglomerate on the front page of the North

Clerk accused in Ward case

Nairobi: The revenue clerk who took Julie Ward's entry fee at the Masai Mara game reserve was accused of abducting and imprisoning her by the defence in the trial of two park rangers for the 1988 murder of Miss Ward (A

Correspondent writes). Under cross-exami yesterday, David Nchoko, the clerk, admitted that he had made a "mistake" and lied to the police about forging the register in which visitors names are recorded.

Punjab doubts

Delhi: Turnout in Punjab's first elections for seven years was less than 30 per cent. casting doubt on the prospects of the state government that is due to take office later this month. Sikh extremists threatened to shoot anyone who voted.

Vote swing

Johannesburg: South Africa's far-right Conservative party was expected to win an important by election at Potchefstroom in western Transvaal, signalling growing white opposition to President de Klerk's reform process. A record numout was predicted.

Taught a lesson

Martinsburg, Vermont: A court here ordered Sherilyn Williams to spend five weeks with her son in a classroom of eight-year-olds at Berkeley Heights school because the boy, who is a pupil there, has missed 100 days of school in

Diary, page 12 three years. (AP)

Prize-winning author writes off the monarchy In the blue corner, Bruce

AS THE Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh recovered in Admiralty House yesterday from a 21-hour flight to Australia, Thomas Keneally, winner of the Booker Prize and a prominent republican, was trying to persuade freshers at Sydney University to join the Australian Republic Movement (ARM).

Standing in the full sun, his forehead agleam with sweat, he addressed a motley bunch of teenagers. most of whom had been lured by an earlier display of sexy jiving and had lingered on to eat their lunches. The time has come for Australia to become a republic," said Mr Keneally. Even today, we still look like some kind of colony. We must cut our ties with mother. We must have an Australian-appointed Australian head of state. not a British monarch who

writer Thomas Keneally struggle to interest students in republicanism becomes Queen of Australia only when she turns up

As the Queen begins her tour of

Australia, Joanna Pitman watches

here. Now is the time to stand on our own two feet." Most students seemed more interested in their pies than in republicanism. Having tempted only 1,000 Australians into its ranks since it was founded last July, ARM cannot claim to be anything but marginal. But Mr Keneally insists that the young generation sees a republic as the obvious step forward for Australia. "We will lobby for a referendum on the subject by 2001 and we will win." Students peeling off to investigate a yoga display

were unconvinced. "Mr Keneally may be a famous man, but he has a long way to go before he can persuade Australia to sack the Queen," said a young mathematician.

Fortunately for the Queen, ARM is not channelling its energies into stationing tomato-lobbing teams at strategic points during her seven-day tour. "When a mature child leaves home it does not go slamming the door and punching mother in the lace," explained Mr Keneally, who says he has the greatest respect for the Queen and would like to



ease her out "without any rancour".

Lobbying for ARM and the many other nascent re-publican lobby groups is hampered by a lack of serious debate. Extremists in the two camps have merely lined up to trade insults, goaded by a press which sees sales jump with every

Ruxton, the deputy national president of the Returned Services League, a 250,000strong band of ex-serviceists, declares that the republicans should be charged with treason. "Anita Keating (the prime minister's wife) didn't even curtsy to the Queen, but they all bow to the Japanese when they come calling. It's British-bashing, that's what

In the red corner, trying to raise the populist banter to a more intellectual level, is Malcolm Turnbull, the lawyer in the Spycatcher case. He wants a republic for the sake of "a better system of government, whereby our head of state represents Australia. unequivocally and full time . . . nota monarch from a different country with this bogus

title of Queen of Australia." Mr Turnbull proposes re-taining the Westminster system of parliamentary government but adding a president appointed for a five-year term by the government of the day, Despite the flurry of me-

dia coverage and a threat by five vote-hungry MPs to stage a boycott when the Queen opens the 50th parliament of New South Wales today, most Sydney residents still seem thrilled at the sight of the Queen. A solid national majority of around 60 per cent favours retaining the monarchy.

More than 20 postwar polls
offering an explicit choice
between republic and monarchy, show that monarchists have never been in a minority, and that only in 1973 did support for the monarchy sink to 50 per

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Hardline challenger worries Likud

Rabin wins votes in fight to lead Labour

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE course of this summer's Israeli general election was being determined last night when Shimon Peres, the leader of the opposition Labour party, fought a fierce rearguard action against Yitzhak Rabin, his long-standing rival, in the party's leadership

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"If Peres remains in power, then we will have a very boring and very easy election," said a senior member of the ruling Likud party who is close to Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister. "If Rabin wins, then we can expect to have a real fight on our

His assessment appeared to confirm the general per-ception that only Mr Rabin, one of the most popular and charismatic figures in Israeli politics, is capable of reversing Labour's downward spiral and of defeating Likud in the general election due to be held on June 23.

Likud is to vote today in its own leadership race, but Mr Shamir is unlikely to face any real competition from David Levy, the foreign minister, or from Ariel Sharon, the housing minister.

Under Labour party rules, the successful candidate needs at least 40 per cent of

leader. An opinion poll taken among Labour supporters on Tuesday revealed that 46 per cent supported Mr Rabin, while only 39 per cent backed Mr Peres. The remaining support went to two other challengers: Ora Namir, who obtained 12 per cent, and

Yisrael Kessar, the leader of the Histradut labour federation, who was trailing with only 3 per cent.
"I believe that I have the best chance of defeating Likud," said Mr Rabin, who headed Israel's armed forces when they crushingly defeated Arab armies in the six-day

of my experience as chief of staff, defence minister and premier, and of course because of the mood in my favour among the voters."

His confidence did not seem misplaced, since a recent opinion poll suggested that a Rabin-led Labour par-ty would defeat Likud at the polls by 36.5 per cent to 28

war of 1967. "This is because

Likud would win by 32 per cent to 27 per cent. Mr Rabin owes his populist reputation to his hardline policies on defence and security needs, exemplified by his

per cent. By contrast, if Mr

Peres remains party leader

the votes to become party tough handling of the Palestinian intifada in 1987, when he was defence minister. He is regarded as the only figure of the left capable of negotiating peace with the Arab states without compromising Israel's security.

Although Mr Peres can rightfully claim a good political pedigree and is much respected internationally, particularly for his handling of the economy when he was minister of finance, he continues to have a credibility problem with the electorate, which suspects that he is overcager to offer concessions in order to make peace with Israel's Arab neighbours. "My motto is that it is forbidden to despair and

show lack of patience," said Mr Peres, who is known for his skilful manoeuvring within the party. "I am the person who can lift the country out of the difficult situation and move it towards the 21st century. Israel needs courageous, energetic leadership."



People's favourite: Yitzhak Rabin is fighting Shimon Peres for the leadership of Israel's Labour party, which polls say only he could lead to victory in June

Marcos offers to play mother

first lady of the Philippines. says the presidency is a woman's job and is offering herself as a mother for "all forces" in the islands. The widow of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, one of eight candidates running in the May presidential elections, told businessmen in Manila: "The ultimate role of a woman is to be a mother. The presidency is something natural for a wuman.

Hazel Hawke, wife of Bob Hawke, the former Australian prime minister, had a benign tumour on her pituitary gland successfully removed vesterday. Doctors are very happy with the oper-ation and hoping for a swift recovery," said a spokesman for Mr Hawke, who was at his wife's bedside in Sydney.

Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands said the European Community should come up with a joint strategy to ensure the success of the Rio de Janeiro Earth summit in June. "The single effort of one country in Europe is not enough," the prince said after

limelda Marcos, the former lirst lady of the Philippines, says the presidency is a women condorsing a tax plan to improve the environment in Holland, but if Belgium, Germany. England and others don't it will be no good."

> The actress Jane Fonda, aged 53, and her husband Ted Turner, the head of Cable News Network television, have contacted a gynaecologist famous for obtaining pregnancies in woman be-yond normal child-bearing age. Severino Antinori, director of the international centre for human reproduction in Rome, said he had been asked for an appointment.

Keith Floyd, the television chel, is furious after British Telecom put up signs telling motorists they were closing the only road to his village pub and restaurant in Tuckenhay, Devon, for two weeks for repair work to telephone lines. He is demanding com-pensation for lost trade caused by the signs. A BT spokesman said new notices would now be put up saying access to the village was still possible, while barring

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FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

over arms

IRAQ is heading for a showdown with the United Nations over its failure to abide by the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire.

The Security Council issued a warning yesterday of serious consequences" if Iraq continued to refuse to cooperate with the UN plan for an indefinite monitoring of its arms-industry. Diplomats also expressed concern about Iraq's blockade of the Kurdish north of the country, and its failure to make a limited, UN-approved oil sale to fi-

nance relief efforts. Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN commission charged with disarming Iraq, is to visit Baghdad to secure Iraqi compliance with the UN plan to monitor its weapons production capacity. Britain, France and America are also planning to send a stiff message to Baghdad about the Kurdish blockade.

The confrontation is likely to come to a head early next month when Iraq sends a delegation led by Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime minister, to address the council.

• Geneva: Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis are victims of human rights violations under President Saddam Hussein, a report by a special UN investigator said. "Since the second world war few parallels can be found for such violations." (AP)



Lebanon prepares

The Beirut goverment. alarmed by the pace of developments, met in emergency session and ordered army units deployed along the border with Israel's security zone in the south to defend their positions and return fire in case of Israeli attack. It also sent Michel al-Morr, the defence minister, to Damascus to seek Syria's military assistance in case Israeli troops

thrust into the country. Yesterday rocket attacks on Israel and Israeli artillery strikes on southern Lebanon — in which at least three people died -- continued in the aftermath of the killing of Sheikh Hussein Moussawi, the Hezbollah leader, in an Israeli helicopter attack on

for war

FROM ALI JABER

SOUTH Lebanon was pervaded with an atmosphere of impending war yesterday amid fears that Israel was about to invade Lebanese territory to curb the rocket attacks on its northern border settlements.

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Libya hoards food to beat sanctions

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN TRIPOLI

SCORES of ships queued outside Tripoli yesterday to deliver food ordered by Libya to prepare for possible sanctions. At the same time an aide to Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, briefed Colonel Muammar Gadaffi on a PLO investigation "exonerating" Libyans of responsibility for the PanAm bombing over Lockerbie.

Western diplomats believe the ships' cargoes are being stockpiled as a result of the passing of UN Security Council Resolution 731. which raised the spectre of trade sanctions against Libya for refusing to hand over two Libyans accused by Britain and America of carrying out the 1988 bombing that killed 270 people.

Tripoli-based diplomatic sources are sceptical of official accounts attributing the unusually high level of shipping activity to preparations for Ramadan, which starts next month, when trade will shrink to a trickle because of the month of daytime fasting involved. "Ramadan takes place each year, but it's never been as busy as this before,"

one Western envoy said. Libya produces a million barrels of oil a day, but is dependent on imports for

many other commodities and foods. Libya is also believed to have begun moving capital out of European bank accounts to Arab and Asian institutions, sources said.

But European diplomats

here have dismissed an American report suggesting that Colonel Gadaffi is putting the country of 4.5 million inhabitants on a "war footing" to try to repulse any new US military attack. "Libyans saw from the war against Iraq that whatever defence preparations they could make would be useless against sophisticated Ameri-

can technology," a European diplomat said. Observers have seen signs that Libya's armed forces are building new shore defences. Some sandbagged gun positions have been set up at key buildings in Tripoli, but diplomats believe these are token gestures by the army, whose officers want to be seen to be doing something,

no matter how symbolic. There has also been specu lation that Libyan officials might be considering using some 14,000 Westerners working in Libya as a bargaining counter if sanctions were to be introduced. Between 5,000 and 6,000 of the Westerners are Britons.

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A prophet for the Bible-belt

The Buchanan bandwagon is gaining pace, says Peter Stothard in Atlanta

nhe barde of New Hampshire is over. The battle for the South has begun. With those words the triumphant Republican challenger, Patrick Buchanan, put his first success behind him and set off for the campaign which will decide whether he heads a protest or

Metaphors of war are muchabused in the language of politics, but there are none better to describe the progress of the conservative journalist and White House speechwriter who on Tuesday won 40 per cent of his party's vote against the man who was once the

most popular president in history.
Last week, when Mr Buchanan
said that "King George led a
hollowarmy". George Bush's men could laugh, admiring the words but not believing them. Yesterday, they looked at their organisation of worthies here in Georgia, where the next vital vote is to be held on March 3, and wondered.

At Mr Buchanan's southern headquarters, where national focus, the Bible is open at the Book Jonah. His workers here, led by Jack Thrift, an ascetic veteran of Seventies campaigns against the "peanut packer" Jimmy Carter, regard Mr Bush's Washington as a city of wickedness to match Nineveh. wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right

Buchanan: is he leading a

protest or a real challenge?

hand and their left hand". Political director John Bates wears a military tie and blazer with a Wedgewood tiepin of the em-peror Tiberius. "Washingtonia delenda est", he says, urging a Carthaginian fate for the American capital. As the votes came in on Tuesday night, Mr Buchanan's generals held a "victory party" at an airport hotel. It was hardly celebratory - Diet Coke, damp pretzels and grim faces - but it made up in seriousness what it

lacked in spark. Officially the president is said to take comfort from the difference between economically oppressed New Hampshire, where the unemployment rate is 8 per cent, and Georgia, where it is only half as high. But although Atlanta, city Coke, CNN and the 1996 Olympics, has prospects such as New England has not seen since the 19th century, the sense of the president's personal economic failure is no less palpable here than in

the north-east. In the next two weeks, Mr Bush will make much more of his leadership of the Gulf war, hoping to exploit Mr Buchanan's hostility to Operation Desert Storm in a state which is one of the nation's most militarist. But this 100 may be difficult. The Gulf war is seen by many as a failure which left Saddam Hussein stronger than

the man who defeated him. Much of the economic pain in Georgia comes from cuts in the military budget. Mr Buchanan will present himself as a fierce defender of America, facing a president who wants to defend the rest of the world. Unlike Mr Bush. Mr Buchanan need not be specific about which Georgia-based weapons programmes will be cancelled.

Republican voters in Atlanta are more idealistic about "leadership" than those in New Hampshire. The New Englanders wanted their economy mended, much as a helpless householder might plead for a plumber. Here they are looking for principled general-ship, a chance to link their pride in where they have come from to a vision of where they are going. So far, that has not been the forte of

the 41st president.

Some of the Georgian ideals have ugly edges. Mr Buchanan will make much more here of his charge that the president backed a bill allowing "racial quotas" in employment. In a state with a black population some twenty times that of New Hampshire, this resound all the

stronger. As many in Atlanta well remember. Georgia primaries were tes only" long after blacks won the vote.

The unusual timing of this next election is perfect for the Buchanan campaign. Until only a month ago, it was scheduled for a week later, the so-called "Super Tuesday" when the South tries to show its collective strength. But in order to help their own favourite can-

cratic state leadership advanced the primary date. This will certainly help Mr Clinton, who has a massive org-anisation here, its office walls covered with activist endorsements and rooms full of "Vote Clinton" poster-painting parties in which every letter "O" becomes

a pink Georgia peach. A call to Paul Tsongas's headquarters yes-

didate, Bill Clinton, the Demo-

terday produced only a recorded message that "the mail box is full: please try later". But the change of date also helps Mr Buchanan, whose chief handicap in running against the president is the growing need to be in seven primary-voting states at once - an easier task if you have "Airforce One" and White House backup at your disposal. Georgia gives the challenger one more clear swing before the

Georgia Republicans do not all share the zealous fundamentalism of Jack Thrift and John Bates. Some of their fiercest conservative fighters, like senior House Republican Newt Gingrich, are still scrapping on the president's side, and George Bush's men will come back as hard as they can. But one precedent was in all their minds yesterday as they mixed plots with celebrations: the fall of another establishment Washingtonian in 1976, when President Gerald Ford was pounded by Ronald Reagan in New Hampshire and mopped up eight months later by the "peanut-packer".

David Pannick welcomes yesterday's Court of Appeal ruling that a council cannot sue for libel

ord Justice Goddard recognised in 1942 that libel law "adds a terror to authorship". The Court of Appeal yesterday imposed some welcome controls on those terrors by ruling that local and central government

cannot sue for libel. London is the libel capital of the world. In no other jurisdiction does the law give so much encouragement to litigation by secondrank politicians, entertainers who will never again top the bill, and businessmen who prefer flattery to independent investigation. Where the allegations concern the activities of government, the libel law raises important questions about freedom of expression in a demo-

cratic society. In September 1989 The Sunday Times published articles questioning the propriety of investments made by Derbyshire county council from monies in its superannuation fund. Libel actions were brought by the council, Mr David Bookbinder (then leader of the council) and Mr Owen Oyston, a businessman. Last October The Sunday Times apologised to Mr Oyston and paid his damages and

Chaining Big Brother The Court of Appeal accepted the argument of Anthony Lester

QC for The Sunday Times that where English law is uncertain, it should be interpreted consistently with the European Convention on. Human Rights. Whether a local authority could sue for libel was unclear. So the court had regard to Article 10 of the Convention, which prohibits any interference with freedom of expression except where necessary in a democratic

Applying the criteria stated by the European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Appeal concluded that there was no "pressing social need" for a local authority to have a right to sue for libel. It could sue for malicious falsehood if it could establish that the vspaper published the article with knowledge of its falsity.

While politicians debate whether to incorporate the Convention, decisions of the European Court are being studied and applied with

increasing regularity by English and to identify what is error. judges, who are understandably anxious to ensure that fundamental rights are respected.

Critics of the judiciary should note that the judgment of the Court of Appeal is another demonstration of how English judges are well able to articulate a liberal philosophy based on human rights.
Whether the comments made by

The Sunday Times about Derbyshire county council were true or untrue, fair or unfair, it would be intolerable if the law were to permit an organ of government to seek to inhibit and penalise its critics for what they say about its activities. As Lord Justice Balcombe noted, if a local authority could sue for libel, so could central government. This would have serious adverse effects on our

Only by exercising the right to discuss, dispute and dissent can

inefficiency or plain corruption in government. Moreover, it is futile to boast of democracy accountable to the people if we are prevented from learning and criticising what is being done on our behalf by

those who govern us. Thomas Jefferson was only slightly exaggerating in 1797 when he stated that he would prefer newspapers without government to government without newspapers. Because of the public interest "open discussion of political issues, the European Court held in the Austrian case of Lingens in 1986 that the limits of acceptable

in respect of criticisms of his conduct as a councillor only if he could establish malice. Such a reform is necessary

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because, as the United States Supreme Court noted in a 1964 decision cited by the Court of Appeal, the rule prohibiting libel actions by government could otherwise be sidestepped by lawsuits brought by the officials of whom the conservant is composed. the government is composed.

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The Supreme Court was rightly concerned that "would-be critics of official conduct may be deterred from voicing their criticism, even though it is believed to be true, and even though it is in fact true. because of doubt whether it can be proved in court or fear of the

expense of having to do so". In 1965, Lord Justice Russell complained that "the law of libel seems to have characteristics of such complication and subtlety that I wonder whether a jury can readily distinguish their heads from their heels". There is some way to go before libel law ceases to lower the reputation of the legal system in the minds of rightthinking people. But the Court of Appeal has made a start, with a simple but necessary reform.

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Small items make a splash

that my middle name is Autolycus? I have just snapped up a couple of ill-considered trifles. They are both what in newspaper parlance we call "Nibs", which is an acronym for "news in brief", and brief these certainly are. Here is the first:

Supplies of condoms to Egypt have been cut off by the United States after reports that millions were resold as balloons.

And here is the other: Chinese officials have seized 170,000 pairs of fake Levi jeans in a crackdown on counterfeiters.

Let us consider each of these tems calmly. First, the condoms. We must all begin by admitting that we did not know that the United States had been sending millions of condoms to Egypt - so many, indeed, that there were millions left over to use as playthings. But it is not clear why the United States has been showering Egypt with condoms.

Perhaps the manufacture of fullstrength condoms is but in its infancy in Egypt, so that the more advanced United States has taken pity on the backwardness of the recipient. But there is another puzzle. The statement said that the condoms were "resold" as balloons. But surely the American giving with one hand and taking back with the other; did they really sell them to the Third World? That would only deepen the mystery, for if the Egyptians bought the condoms, they could thereafter do whatever they liked with them.

There are no clues as to who was whirligigging around airport tar-macs and television studios. selling the balloons, much less who was buying them. It is all very well to say that balloons are popular, harmless and beloved of children and of the children in all of us, but we are dealing here with millions; has the entire population of Egypt gone plain barmy about balloons, now spending all its time blowing them up, knotting the necks, and throwing into the sky for the passing currents to take them whither they may? If so, it is no surprise to learn that Egypt is not only unable to make or even buy its own condoms, but inexcusably frivolous as well.

Let us leave this conundrum for a moment, and go on to an item that may well prove even more odd



Bernard Levin is seduced by the briefest news stories

than the Great Condom Mystery. It is the news from China not only that the authorities have seized 170,000 pairs of fake Levi leans. but that they have done so as a

warning to counterfeiters. First of all, what is a fake pair of Levi jeans? As I understand these matters, jeans are the simplest and most egalitarian items of clothing. Why would somebody counterfeit them? More extraordinarily still, how would they counterfeit them? What, indeed, can counterfeit mean in this context? Apart from anything else, if somebody is counterfeiting them how is it possible for anyone to know which the genuine article and which the copy. Don't say "the label", for heaven's sake; if someone can counterfeit a couple of yards of

cheap cloth, he can surely have thought one step further and counterfeited the bit which says the result by 170,000. The answer gets like a hall of mirrors; which is the real thing and which the fake, and which faked label is being put on which real (or imitation) pair of jeans?

But that is only scratching at the surface of the enigma; if there are such things as counterfeit Levi ieans, and the Chinese authorities go so far as to worry about this trade, what did the counterfeiters think they were doing with no fewer than 170,000 pairs?

I do not wear jeans, but inquisitive I am. When I heard about this, I took from my wardrobe a pair of linen trousers which I guessed must weigh roughly the was more than 75 tons, and as for the volume, it was stupendous. Where did they keep such quantities, and how did they think they could conceal their fakes?

Then again, assuming the storage problem could be solved, what about the retail side of the business? I have never been to China, but I have seen many photographs and television programmes featuring Chinese people, and the standard dress from the waist down does indeed seem to be something like a pair of leans. Now I cannot believe that a pair of regular jeans. honestly come by, would cost more than a tiny sum. But if I cannot believe that, I have a very much

because if the ordinary Chinese cheap jeans in the stores are available, and someone thinks it would pay him to make 170,000 pairs of fake Levi jeans, the only possible conclusion is that your average Chinese peasant is so fashion-conscious that he or she ignores the state-run emporiums and flocks to the under-thecounter contraband, there to buy a fake pair of real Levis with which to go one up on the neighbours.

et us go back to the balloons, nès condoms, for a moment. It occurs to Chinese jeans would cost no more than a trifle, then a fortiori a balloon, whether a real one or a condom makeshift, could only have on it a price-tag so modest that it would hardly be worth the retailer's trouble to stock it. Now if the mystery of the jeans comes down to the wearers insisting that they must be absolutely à la mode. can it be that there is status to be got in Egypt with a condom for a balloon instead of the more traditional toy? If so, we shall all be obliged to revise our impressions of the Third World pretty sharpish, lest we shall be travelling in. say. Africa, and stop to inspect a grass hut, only to be told by the proud owner that the grass came from the cuttings of Wimbledon at championship time.

Is there any way the condomsellers can get together with the jeans-fakers, with mutual profit to them both? For instance, it is well known that the Chinese are keen on kites, and adept at flying them; tian salesman convince them that condom-balloons are even more fun? Or look at it the other way: if we can tempt the Chinese authorities to turn a blind eye to the jeansfaking ("mind you, I've said nothing"), and content themselves with, say, a 15 per cent rake-off, Levis indistinguishable from the real thing could be the newest Egyptian fashion sensation, which would obviously be good for trade between China and Egypt. As for ... the Americans, who started this, they need not fear an unsaleable quantity of condoms: all they need to do is to rain them down on Colonel Gadaffi.



...and moreover Peter Barnard

do not, at time of writing, have plans to visit the International Spring Gardening Fair, albeit that this worthy project, announced yesterday, will be organised by the Royal Horticultural Society and News International Exhibi-tions. I do not doubt that my attitude will undergo revision. and not only on account of the second sponsor and its familial link to the fettle of my bank account, but right now I am disinclined to admit any interest in matters green, much less matters vaguely rural. I am miffed. if you want it in a word, having just returned from a visit to the Times office.

They are all very kind. They approach me at the coffee machine and while I am negotiating a cup of number 13, a coffee formulation which I have in vain urged on J. Sainsbury, they ask me how it is going. The question is loaded but the trigger is never quite squeezed.

They mean how is it going working from home? They mean how is it going working from home in Wiltshire? They mean: you poor sod, how long before

Sometimes they hedge about the central question with jokes. They ask, for example, about silage prices. I do not even know what silage is, much less its price per kilo (or possibly, litre) and sometimes they couch the question in what they take to be

a rural accent. Odd. They never did this parties, something the Liberals before, even though I am the have not been tardy in exploit-Odd. They never did this only person I know with a ing. Until his demise a few

vaguely rural accent, the consequence of having been born in Cornwall and brought up in Devon. But this is not why people waiting for number 13 to do its work so that they can get at number 41 speak to me of silage in long vowels and rolled consonants. Their underlying purpose is to discover how the devil one keeps in touch. This is not a question addressed to those who commute from deepest Kent or that flat place, whaddayacallit, Essex? Essex. To be out of touch you have to live the same travelling time from London, but with the compass pointing west.

The last time I interviewed the prime minister we touched on this strange phenomenon. You will have noticed that the prime minister has a slight burr to his voice, sufficient to suggest he has a rural connection somewhere. "Mr Callaghan," I said. "do you find yourself disadvantaged in negotiations with the IMF by its officials' habit of making behind-the-hand references to you as a backwoodsman?" I forget his reply and cannot look if up in the cuttings because the interview was spiked by the editor. "Callaghan irrelevant" he scrawled across the copy, somewhat cruelly in my opinion. With judgment like that. I do not see how Rees-Mogg can be long for the job. Not that politicians are any

different. We hardly ever see

anyone from one of the major

months ago, you could hardly get to the bar of the local pub for sycophantic Young Liberals surrounding Mr Thorpe, their charismatic leader, who saw Wiltshire as the seedbed of his party's renaissance. No fool he. But of Callaghan and Thatcher there has been no sign whatsoever.

Of course I am in a no-win

situation, to use the current vernacular. As President Carter will soon discover, boasting about the in-touchness of an artery is a difficult, er, art. Making a virtue of the boondock is a policy with a short shelf-life. You are forced onto the defensive, obliged to explain newfangled devices such as desk-top publishing and electric trains. This carries the risk of seeming to protest too much.

For example, last week I was in London to see the new Lloyd-Webber. Evita: how many of these so-called metropolitan sophisticates, I asked number 41, have seen that? Number 41. a callow youth, seemed not to have even heard of it, let alone seen it. Probably couldn't find a bus, given the state of the GLC.

One thing though: don't label me as a professional advocate of the rural idyll. Tired of London I am not. Nor shall I push things too far, unlike a friend of mine in the same business who has just moved to Brittany, reckons Brittany is as in touch as Maidstone, or will be with the Channel tunnel. A Channel tunnel. I said to him. Dream on, I said. You really must keep in touch, old boy.

Drawn at dawn

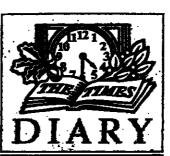
IN an incident reminiscent of the pages of Baroness Orczy, it has emerged that an English soldier fought a duel in defence of the honour of Field Marshal Montgomery 33 years ago.
The duel, which has gone un-

reported until now, was fought with swords in San Marino early in 1959. Its origins lay in a diplomatic incident between Britain and Italy, involving not only the field marshal, but also Selwyn Lloyd, the foreign secretary, and the Italian prime minister, Fanfani. It ended in the cold dawn light with a Sicilian lawyer receiving a sword wound in the arm.

The affair began with the publication of Monty's memoirs, where he accused Italian soldiers of fighting less than heroically. The Italian prime minister protested, letters were exchanged between governments and Monty had to issue an "explanation".

Even that failed to satisfy Vincenco Caputo, the Sicilian president of the Italian Nationalist Association, who challenged the field marshal to a duel "in defence of the prestige of the Italian nation". Montgomery declined, but the challenge was taken up by a wartime colleague, known only as Mr Bridgland. Monty asked his man to withdraw and the duel was cancelled - or so the press believed at the time.

Thirty-three years on, a letter in The Field reveals that under great secrecy the challenge was taken up with a bloody outcome. Bridgland's "kinsman", as he styles himself, is identified in the magazine only by the initials ARB, although The Field says it knows and has checked the identity of its correspondent. One theory is that the letter-writer is the duelist.



According to "ARB", when the duel was cancelled, Caputo and his allies convened a traditonal Italian "court of honour" to brand Bridgland a coward. This was too much for the Englishman, who issued his own challenge. "The duel was fought in strict accordance with the rules. After a few minutes the Italian received a wound on his sword arm. It bled sufficiently for honour to be satisfied." says ARB.
"A fellow should not be allowed

to get away with calling an Englishman a coward," ARB records the duelist as saying. "The Italian showed himself to be a very brave man indeed. To fight with potentially fatal weapons in the cold dawn light with nobody to cheer requires a good measure of 2am courage. Both principals had it."

● Barbra Streisand may have gone to bed in London on Tuesday night dreaming of princesses after the royal premiere of The Prince of Tides. Yesterday she awoke to taste the other side of the business when she learnt that contrary to all predictions she had failed to win an Oscar nomination. Many people had tipped Streisand for a nomination in the best director category. The Prince of Tides was nominated in no fewer than seven categories - but not for direction. Perhaps she should have known better. The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences has not nominated a woman as best director since Lina Wertmuller and Seven Beauties in 1976.

Woman in charge

THE first round of the annual Booker squabbles is over with the appointment of *Times reviewer* Victoria Glendinning to chair this year's judges. Next week the Booker management committee will reveal the names of her fellow adjudicators but Glendinning's appointment — only the third woman in the chair since 1969 —

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appears to owe more than a little to last year's commotion over only the second all-male shortlist in the prize's existence.

Glendinning won't be insisting on an all-women shortlist, she says. "But when I suggested to the Book Trust that it would be a lark to have an all women panel, they looked as if they might faint."

NPG on the rocks

CHAMPAGNE was flowing as John Major arrived at the National Portrait Gallery on Tuesday night. But the prime minister had obviously decided after Labour's glitzy banquet last week the bubbly was best left to the socialists. He called instead for a gin and tonic. Panic set in. Ian Greer, who was

hosting the reception as part of the 10th anniversary celebrations of his public affairs company. IGA. summoned the caterers. Where can we find the prime minister a humble gin and tonic? A waiter was dispatched under police escort to the nearest pub. on the corner of St Martin's Lane. He returned with not one but three gin and tonics on a silver tray. The prime minister, who during the party in-spected the new Karsh photogra-ph of himself, happily sipped his drink unaware of the drama involved in quenching his thirst. Yes-terday Neil Park, the landlord of The Chandos, was equally unaware that the prime minister had been a customer. "I was a bit surprised when a waiter came in with a police escort," he said. And did the prime minister return his glass? "It must have been the one ! found outside the front door this

• Will Carling has been voted Britain's number one rhinoceros. The award, given only to those who charge their way to success, was bestowed on the England rugby captain by the readers of Success and Achievement magazine yesterday. "I think most of the England side could have qualifled," he said. But at the same time one of Carling's world cup colleagues. Paul Ackford, was trying hard to shed the rhino image. He has just been transferred to the Metropolitan Police's new Plus Squad, set up to promote a more caring image for the police. Several opposing packs with caulislower ears might question his suitability – but as he is 6ft 6ins and 17 stone, who are we wimps to argue about the former England lock's caring qualities?

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CRIME IN RECESSION

The "party of law and order" will not have thanked Commander David Stevens of the Metropolitan Police for linking London's reported crime statistics to the recession this week. Stumbling with embarrassment, the home secretary. Kenneth Baker, seemed yesterday to be taking political credit for recent City fraud cases. He pointed out that not many of those involved "could be described as socially deprived", as if a high level of fraud was a badge of national prosperity.

Mr Baker was right, however, when he said that the relationship between crime statistics and the state of the economy is not simple. The most recent Home Office research on this was published in 1990 (Trends in crime and their interpretation, by Simon Field; HMSO). From it can be extracted what might be termed Field's first theorem. that growth in property crime is inversely related to growth in personal consumption; and his second theorem, that growth in personal crime is directly related to growth in personal consumption. In years when average personal spending rises little or even falls, property crime grows relatively fast. But at the same time crimes against the person specifically sex and violence - grow more slowly or are static. And vice versa.

There is thus, Mr Field found, an "extremely strong relationship between crime and the business cycle". But the relationship is not the obvious one, with unemployment simply driving up crime. Indeed recession seems to be an effective way of restraining the most worrying category of crime, that involving violence. But the gross level of unemployment appears not to be a direct contributor to these trends.

Statistical wisdom is beginning to dawn at the Home Office and Scotland Yard. There are reports that, after an election, even Mr Baker may have the courage to curtail the nonsensical publicising of police-reported crime figures. Only certain headline writers and MPs now take reported crime statistics at face value. Commander Stevens on Tuesday emphasised that the number of crimes reported can fluctuate with changes in reporting practice among police and public. The surge of 66 per cent in reported domestic violence last year is a good example.

He noted that the rise in telephone ownership makes it easier to report crime; the spread of insurance makes reporting theft more likely as companies will not compensate for an unreported loss; the public is less inclined to tolerate petty violence and so more inclined to dial 999 when it occurs. More sensitive police handling, including better co-operation with other social agencies, has greatly increased the reporting of rape, domestic violence and child abuse.

By the quite different Home Office's British Crime Survey, based on public surveys not police records, statisticians have come closer to measuring the true rate of crime. Home Office research finds that medium-term changes in the economy do not appear to alter the relationship (whatever it is) between reported crime and actual crime. Thus a change in the former can be taken as some evidence of a change in the latter. And hence Mr Field's correlations between changes in crime and changes in personal consumption are probably real.

Commander Stevens was drawing attention to a 21 per cent increase in reported street robbery, a type of crime which he said was going up most in those parts of London which are currently having a tough time economically. To be a victim of street crime, one must first be out and about, probably with money to spend. That, suggests the Home Office research, is behaviour more characteristic of those who are prospering than those down on their luck. But to be robbed in the street is to be a victim of personal and property crime simultaneously,

subject to both Mr Field's theorems at once. There is clearly no simple cause and effect between recession and crime. By his speculative expedition into the world of politics Commander Stevens has wandered off his beat. And indeed Mr Baker has too. Is it too much to hope that crime and the recession might now disappear as an election issue?

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

The New Hampshire primary is like a British by-election. It records and exaggerates a protest vote; a candidate can still perform very differently in the main contest in November. While George Bush has reason to be worried by Pat Buchanan's strong showing on Tuesday, he remains on course for re-nomination as Republican candidate. He is also still front-runner to win the presidency again, as the Democrats are as far away as ever from finding and picking a credible challenger.

The New Hampshire result is superficially very bad news for Mr Bush. A year after he won record ratings during the Gulf war, he has been humiliated by a maverick conservative best known for his combative television appearances and newspaper columns. Mr Buchanan won nearly as many votes as Eugene McCarthy did in the same primary in 1968, which led to Lyndon Johnson's decision not to seek re-election. With his neoisolationist "America First" message, Mr Buchanan drew support from Republicans disillusioned by Mr Bush's reversal of his nonew-taxes pledge and hit by the recession. And Mr Bush fought a lacklustre campaign.

That said, the outcome is not a fatal blow. Mr Bush has plenty of time to recover-According to exit polls, more than half of Mr Buchanan's voters said their aim was to send a message to Mr Bush rather than to imply that Mr Buchanan would be the best president. New Hampshire is atypical, a highly conservative state ideally suited to Mr Buchanan's personal campaigning. For all his momentum, and probable ability to attract money for a long primary season, it is unclear how he will perform in the diverse states now to come. In the past Mr Bush has shown resilience as well as ruthlessness under pressure. He has so far sought to remain above the fight, but will now have to mount a negative campaign, as he did in 1968. Mr Buchanan has made enough wild statements to be an inviting target.

The Democrats are not yet in a position to exploit Mr Bush's difficulties. They lack a dear alternative programme. The New Hampshire primary saw no front-runner emerging. Even though former Senator Paul Tsongas won, Governor Bill Clinton did well enough as a strong second to leave the nomination open. Both still have to demonstrate whether they have a national appeal. Of the other contenders, Senators Bob Kerrey and Tom Harkin will try to fight back in more congenial states. And there could still be late entrants.

Mr Bush must not merely alter his tactics and sharpen his political appeal but also change his strategy, responding to the worries of ordinary Americans about the state of the economy. His administration wrongly forecast the end of recession last year. All it does now is predict an upturn later this year, and wrangle with a Congress dominated by Democrats over a tax and economic recovery programme. Mr Bush has shown no awareness so far of what Mr Buchanan calls a "full-fledged middle-American revolution."

Unlike John Major, Mr Bush still has time. There are already a few economic green shoots in America, for instance car sales and the housing market, and there are more than eight months to go before the November election. But there is a danger: that in the meantime Mr Bush will seek to defeat the conservative insurgents in his own party by gestures and actions towards protection and nationalism.

WRITS AT DAWN

The news disclosed opposite in the Times Diary that a duel was fought in 1959 by an Englishman upon a point of honour is more than a quaint survival. It has a relevant moral for today. Nobody was hurt except an Italian, who received a flesh wound on his sword arm: "It bled sufficiently for honour to be satisfied." By this simple ritual an imputation of national and personal cowardice was settled fast and with little pain. No armies went to war. No sanctions were imposed. Diplomatic relations were not broken off. The mafia was not involved - or so we understand. No lawyers received refreshers for dragging the case its dreary length before a libel court. There were no absurdly punitive damages, no towering Alps of costs. An Englishman's honour was satisfied, neatly and cheaply.

Duelling was made illegal in Western Europe because it had become a charter of convenience for bullies and bravoes. But before the duel was thus abused, it was seen as the civilised way of settling differences between individuals or nations. For David to kill Goliath of Gath produced a better butcher's bill for both sides than mutually assured destruction between Israelites and Philistines. The quivering conscripts knew it made sense for one man to die as a scapegoat for many. The Trojan war would have been finished early and economically by a duel between Meneläus and Paris, the aggrieved parties to the adultery case as well as their national champions. But just as Paris was on the point of losing, his patroness Aphrodite snatched him away from the field of honour into Helen's boudoir. Rivers of blood flowed because there was no penalty shoot-out to this score draw, and its only lasting benefit was that it inspired the first two masterpieces of Western literature.

The judicial duel, or trial by battle, was introduced into England by William the Conqueror. It is displayed dramatically in action in the opening scene of Richard Π , where Bolingbroke challenges the Duke of Norfolk. State duelling was not finally abolished until 1819. But freelance duelling continued surreptitiously and in the fictions of Thackeray, Browning and Trollope. Eminent British duellists have included a Duke of York, a pair of prime ministers, William Pitt the Younger and the Duke of Wellington, Byron, Charles James Fox, Castlereagh and Canning, and numerous eminent editors. Journalists were as vulnerable to the gauntlet as they now are to writs. These men were not thugs, but the brightest and best of their generations.

Duelling as a kind of wild justice survives in parts of South America. As recently as 1984 a former vice-president of Uruguay challenged a journalist to a duel for writing an article about him which he considered offensive. If duelling is to be reintroduced as a cheap and efficient form of alternative dispute resolution, a code of honour must be revived to regulate it. Persons under trial or challenge should be allowed, as they were in the old code, to appoint professional fighters or "champions" to represent them.

Such champions could be recruited from the professional sportsfield or ice-hockey rink. The Parc des Princes last Saturday offered a useful recruiting ground. Or perhaps it could be left to the lawyers, with swords rather than writs: a quick skirmish in Lincoln's Inn Fields at dawn, a gout of blood. all over in a flash with just one junior as a second. It would be cheaper by far, just as likely to produce a just outcome; and if the occasional lawyer were to be mortally wounded, well . . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Vital new role for Security Council

From Lord Gladwyn

Sir. As a drafter of the Charter of the United Nations I am delighted that it may now be used as originally intended, not only for, if possible, avoiding but also, if necessary, for ending any wars that may well nevertheless still break out in the future. The Security Council cannot deal with, e.g., the woes of the Third World or the poisoning of the atmosphere: other organisations exist for these problems. But it is potentially very important, and if the intentions therein expressed recently are ever to become reality the following steps must be taken without delay:

1. The new secretary general has started off well, but he must be as much an animator as an administrator, having fairly frequent re-course to article 99 of the charter whereby he can himself put a matter on the agenda of the Security Council. He must also persuade members of the United Nations, especially the United States, to pay up any subscriptions now in arrears. amounting in all to no less than \$1.5

2. It will also be largely for him to get the military staff committee (dormant since 1946) at least to arrange under article 43 of the charter that those capable of doing so earmark forces which could immediately be made available to the Security Council on demand, as distinct from the recommendation (report, February 14) for the peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia.

3. Although there is no prospect at the present time of the Security Council agreeing to enlarge or change the number of its permanent members, there is no reason why the four or five states which, by reason of their size and importance, might eventually become such members should not join the military staff committee and take part in the discussion of its recommendations in the Security Council.

4. The permanent members should declare their intention of never using

their nuclear (nor, indeed, any chemical or biological) weapons on a first strike. There was in any case small prospect after the end of the Cold War of an invasion of Europe by the Soviet Union. There is none now that the latter has ceased to exist. And even if there were in the future it could obviously be held by "conventional" means, whereas employing nuclear weapons against another nuclear power - save of course, in retaliation - would risk something far worse even than defeat, namely national annihila-

5. At the same time the five powers should say that they would likewise expect any nation that might also come into possession of a nuclear weapon not to make use of it in any circumstances on a first strike. Were it to do so it would run the risk of similar action against it by the Security Council, whose activity would otherwise be directed to ending any conflict that might break out by non-nuclear means. Hence any nuclear weapon that might have been or that might be acquired by a hitherto non-nuclear power, whatever its value as a status-symbol. could in practice never be used and would therefore be both valueless and expensive as an acquisition.

6. At the same time the five powers should make it abundantiv clear that they are taking immediate steps greatly to reduce their own nuclear firepower, first of all that of the US and of Russia, and eventually that of the three other powers as well. They might add that it is their firm intention so far as nuclear weapons are concerned to pursue the process to the end, when an acceptance by all states of a system of rigorous and controlled inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency has resulted in the disappearance of these horrible weapons from the face. of the earth.

It was also Adams, not Franklin,

who was the first envoy of the United

States to the Court of St James. As he

was not accredited to the Crown, or

from the United States, neither was

Franklin "the representative of the

Franklin was the agent (to the

Board of Trade) of the Pennsylvania

assembly, or rather of that party in

the province who wanted royal government, not proprietary. Ironi-cally, it was to extend royal govern-

ent in America, not to oppose it,

that Franklin came to London.

Syracuse University

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN SAUNDERS WEBB,

(London Centre), 24 Kensington Park Gardens, W11.

Accounting standards

Sir. Your leading article (February

10) on the accountancy profession mentions management accounting

and implies that "propriety" is not an

Management accountants, includ-ing the finance director, do indeed

provide a service to the board which

concentrates on business efficiency.

Nevertheless, as members of this

institute they carry out their duties under a strict ethical code which is

Society naturally expects "brass

plate" professionals to act with propriety but there should be no

inference that the public expectations should be any less for other

professionals who are, in business

terms, often the first line of defence

From the Secretary of the

Management Accountants

Chartered Institute of

important concern to it.

enforced by the institute.

against malpractice.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE VALLINGS.

63 Portland Place, W1.

Secretary.
The Chartered Institute of

Management Accountants,

Yours faithfully, GLADWYN. House of Lords. February 17.

Adams, not Franklin.

Philadelphia assembly".

Franklin in London From Professor Stephen Saunders

Sir, One trusts that "The Friends of Benjamin Franklin" will not per-petuate, from his "genteel lodgings" at 16 Craven Street, WC2, the misinformation which they appear to have given to your reporter ("Franklin's memory kept alive", February 12).
Franklin is not widely credited

with having played the principal part dependence": nine tenths of the Declaration was the work of Thomas Jefferson and Franklin was one of five members of the committee which reviewed (and toned down) Jefferson's drafts. Jefferson's primary editor on the committee was John

Women's vocation

From the Rector of Lytchett Matravers

Sir, Clifford Longley (article, February 15) makes a good point about vocation, but fails to understand the position of women asking for their vocation to the priesthood to be tested. Women looking for a good career are unlikely to think in terms of entering the ranks of the Anglican clergy. Most of the women deacons I know are not campaigning for equal rights in a career, but are seeking to be obedient to a calling which does involve them in painful obedience, as they ask the Church to consider that calling seriously.

If equal rights are involved in this equation, it is surely the right that any human being within a Christian community has to be taken seriously. No one has the right to ordination or to a career in the Church, but an individual who feels called to ordination does have a duty to obey that call and to ask the Church to consider it. Yours faithfully, NIGEL LLOYD,

The Rectory, Jennys' Lane. Lytchett Matravers, Poole, Dorset.

Rating appeals

From the Chief Executive, Valuation Office Agency

Sir, Mr Clive Brooke (letter, February 12) comments on delays in non-domestic rating appeals. The rate at which appeals can be heard depends on many factors including the number of applications for adjournment made by appellants themselves.

By September 1990, 633,000 appeals had been lodged of which about 200,000 have now been settled, leaving the residue, plus new appeals to be disposed of. We plan to clear all the original appeals in the next two years. Dealing with case-work over a period in this way allows all concerned, including ratepayers' representatives, to manage the load. Preparation for the council tax is proceeding as planned. This work, together with work on non-domestic rating appeals is being fully funded in accordance with agreements be-

tween the Department of the

Environment and the Valuation

Office Agency. Yours faithfully, R. R. B. SHUTLER, Chief Executive, Valuation Office Agency, New Court, Carey Street, WC2. February 17.

Bombs away!

From Mr James Airy

Sir, Marcus Binney ("Come triendly bombs", Life & Times, February 12: letters, February 17) wasted time catching too many minnows in his net whilst trawling down the Thames for eyesores. Surely he should have caught the giant Canary Wharf, upon which he had quite illogically been lavishing praise a little earlier (Life & Times, January 28).

He now says "let us have a Bill protecting the other fine vistas in London, beginning with the river". Where better to start than Greenwich Park with its outstandingly beautiful and historical group of

buildings set astride the meridian line beside the river? Canary Wharf is truly a monstrous intruder into such a priceless treasure as Greenwich. Yours faithfully.

JAMES AIRY. Up Somborne, Stockbridge, Hampshire. February 18.

From Mr Keith Money

Sir. The argument about contenders for demolition should surely follow Mr Heseltine's example and focus first on the buildings that create the greatest disharmony in relation to area. On that scale, lumpen New Zealand House destroys an historic

Manchester airport on August 22.

Aircraft survivor's plea for safety From Mr John Beardmore

Sir. Together with my family. I was aboard the British Air Tours jet 31 1985, when 55 fellow passengers lost their lives due to the effects of smoke inhalation following an engine ex-plosion. In the light of that horrifying experience, I readily endorse the conclusions voiced by the pathologist who analysed the official findings after the disaster fletter. February 15). Like him, we now always carry smoke hoods when we fly.

No one should have died that morning. What we needed was additional time and the opportunity for an orderly evacuation through the dense smoke. Passageways quickly became blocked with the sheer weight of numbers and passengers were trapped in the cabin with nowhere to go as a curtain of black, toxic smoke engulfed them. There was time to put on safety equipment, there was time to don smoke hoods but nothing was available for our protection.

I strongly believe that an interim solution is vital and fully support the Air Accident Investigation Branch recommendations to install smoke hoods, which they made following the Manchester accident. Modernstyle smoke hoods should be installed on all UK registered aircraft, without further delay.

We continually hear the negative arguments regarding passenger safety equipment, the same arguments that were used to delay the introduction of car seat belts. There is always a risk that passengers will die wearing safety equipment, but the question is, how many more people will survive?

The British Safety Council has a responsibility to the public to continually improve safety. I ask them to

Advertising tobacco

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative) Sir, Now that the European Parliament has voted to ban all tobacco advertising and sponsorship (report, February 12) it is time for the British government to reconsider its continued lovalty to the so-called "voluntary agreement" with the tobacco in-

A recent government publication, The Health of the Nation, announced a target by the year 2005 of reducing the proportion of cigarette smokers in this country from one in three to one in four, or possibly even further. If ministers are really serious, they should stop being squea-mish and drop their opposition to the European Commission's proposals.

Banning advertisements by law is hardly new to the United Kingdom: thirty years ago a Tory government banned cigarette advertisements from television, while more recently cigar and tobacco advertising also disappeared from television under an EC directive. A ban should now find its way onto ministerial agendas, and the sooner the better.

Yours sincerely, EDWINA CURRIE, House of Commons. February 12.

From the Director of the Coronary

Prevention Group Sir, Winston Fletcher ("Ifs. butts and Brussels", February 13) was being disingenuous in his arguments on the effects of tobacco advertising. To quote the effects of advertising on sales of petrol and cat food and other products where consumption de-pends on the possession of cars and cats is facile.

No other industry in the world that was reaching only 30 per cent of its potential market would deny that

as safety experts. Yours faithfully.

JOHN BEARDMORE, Oakhurst, 150 Holmes Chapel Road, Somerford, Congleton, Cheshire.

listen to the views of survivors as well

From Mr R. A. Ledingham

February 17.

Sir. Safety procedures for unplanned evacuations should not be based on the potential presence of the levels of smoke and toxic fumes that claimed so many lives in the Manchester disaster. The fire-blocked foam now used for aircraft seats has led to significant reductions in the quantity of fumes that can be produced in the first minutes of an aircraft fire; but it does not preclude the possibility of an

in-flight cabin fire eventually produc-

ing levels of smoke that could only be

survived by the use of passenger

smoke hoods. A sound safety case can be made for carrying passenger smoke hoods for issue in such circumstances and possibly prior to a planned emergency landing. Very considerable doubt remains, however, over the wisdom of asking passengers to don smoke hoods before every aircraft

evacuation. The instructions from cabin crew will be lengthy and potentially confusing to a cosmopolitan mixture of passengers and individual donning times will vary, introducing potential conflict between those wanting to exit and those still donning masks. The first few seconds of an evacuation allow the fastest rate of passenger exit and it may well cost lives if the start of an evacuation is even slightly delayed.

Yours faithfully, R. A. LEDINGHAM,

Rose View, Hethe, Oxfordshire.

one of the purposes of its advertising was to seek new recruits. It is up to the tobacco industry to prove that they can make smoking a particular brand attractive without making smoking attractive per se. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL O'CONNOR, Director,

The Coronary Prevention Group. 102 Gloucester Place, W1. February 14.

From Miss Tamsin Harris

Sir, People tend to think that tobacco addiction isn't that drastic - after all, some people of my age are addicted to "hard" drugs. I am now seventeen. I was unfortunate enough to fall into the smoking trap at the age of fifteen - I refuse to say "stupid trap to fall into.

As a young teenager, I tried to make intelligent judgments when presented with ingenious and seduc-tive advertising. I made the wrong choice when it came to smoking: but which brand did I try? The one whose name I knew best - from advertising!

Yours faithfully. TAMSIN HARRIS, 13 Sion Hill. Lansdown, Bath, Avon. February 13.

From Mr Norman Harrison

Sir, If banning tobacco advertising is as good for the tobacco industry as Mr Fletcher says ("In the first place they will make a great deal more profit...second...third...and fourth...") why isn't the industry advocating the ban? Yours faithfully, NORMAN HARRISON,

34 Banbury Road, Brackley, Northamptonshire, February 13.

Television excellence From Mr Paddy Coulter

Sir, In the reports and correspondence (February 12) following David Plowright's departure from Granada Television we have seen perhaps insufficient mention of the company's outstanding contribution towards broadcasting on inter-national affairs, which has won worldwide acclaim. This was very much due to the personal initiative of Mr Plowright and before him Sir Denis Forman.

Britain's leading aid and environ ment bodies last summer gave public backing (letter, July 8, 1991) to Granada Television's bid to retain its ITV franchise on the basis of Granada's stated intention to continue these excellent series. It would be good to have a clear commitment that Granada's new management will maintain this pledged level of support.

Yours sincerely, PADDY COULTER (Director), International Broadcasting Trust. 2 Ferdinand Place, NW1.

skyline, viewed from almost every point of the compass and at distances of half a mile or more. Until that is gone, there is little point in arguing the merits of anything else within its ambit. Perhaps they could be persuaded to surrender a few floors, for

Yours faithfully, KEITH MONEY, Carbrooke Hall Farm. Therford, Norfolk. February 18.

cash?

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.

Whites of their eyes

From Mr John Murray

Sir. Squadron Leader Childs (letter, February 14) should find himself a more exclusive supplier of eggs. Alice, my Buff Orpington, has been laying fine white eggs steadily since the new year. There is a hint of pink in them; ideal, I would have thought, for painting for Easter. Yours faithfully, JOHN MURRAY,

45 Grove Way, Esher, Surrey.

Dandy diaries

From Mr Graham Fathers

Sir, I am obliged to direct your attention to a misrepresentation of characters whose exploits are woven into the fabric of Western civilisa-

Craig Brown (" . . . and moreover". February 18) makes reference to a diary entry that has Tony Benn reading The Beano on April 8, 1934. This seminal publication first appeared on July 30, 1938, and did not at that stage feature the exploits of the as yet unborn Dennis the Menace. Desperate Dan and Keyhole Kate allowed their activities to be recorded in The Dandy - and from its first edition on December 4, 1937. It would therefore appear that Mr Brown has been guiled and that your great newspaper has fallen prey to a sinister conspiracy. These latest Tony Benn diaries are clearly forg-

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM FATHERS. Westfield, Stonehill Road. Headley Down, Hampshire

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 19: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Viscount Long. Lord in Waiting, at the Requiem Mass for Monsieur Emmanuel de Margerie, formerly French Ambassador to the Court of St James's, which was held in the Church of Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place, London WCL today.

CLARENCE HOUSE February 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception at Spencer House given on behalf of

The Lady Margaret Colville and Sir Alistair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE RENSING TON PRINCE OF Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Lyncham this evening from a visit to Oman, India and Nepal. Mr Peter Westmacott and Sur-geon Captain Ian Jenkins, RN,

The Princess of Wales attended a Reception to celebrate the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents' Seventy Fifth Anniver-sary at Guildhall. London EC2.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Wing Commander David Barton. RAF, were in attendance.

sented by Mr Gerald Ward at the Requiem Mass for Monsieur Emmanuel de Margerie, formerly French Ambassador to the Court of St James's, which was held in the Church of Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place, London WC2 today.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 18: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present at a dinner given by the Egyptian Ambassador (His Ex-cellency Mohamed Shaker) and Mrs Mohamed Shaker at 75 South Audley Street, London W1. Major Nicholas Barne and Miss Suzanne Marland were in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE February 19: The Duke and Duchess of Keni were represented by Captain the Hon Tom Coke at a Requiem Mass for Monsieur Emmanuel de Margerie which was held in the Church of Notre

Luncheons

HM Government The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a farewell luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia and Mme Sawsan

German Chamber of Industry and Commerce The Prime Minister of Bavaria was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce in the UK held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Sir Frank Roberts presided. The German Ambas-sador and the Lord Mayor of

Ludgrove

The Centenary Old Boys' Day is to be held at the school on Sunday, June 28. Old Boys who would like more information should write to The Headmasters Ludgrove, Wokingham, Berk-shire, RG II 3AB.

Birthdays today

London WC2, today.

Mr Robert Altman, film director 67: the Right Rev George Apple-ton, former Archbishop in Jerusalem, 90; Dame Mary Durack, novelist and historian. 79: Miss Ruth Gipps, conductor and com-poser, 71: Mr Jimmy Greaves, broadcaster and footballer, 52; Mr Eddie Hemmings, cricketer, 43: Sir Owain Jenkins, company 43; Sir Owain Jenkins, company director, 85; Commandant Dame Marion Kettlewell, former director, WRNS, 78; Mr Mike Leigh, dramatist and director, 49; Professor Donald Longmore, cardiac surgeon, 64; Miss Ella Maillart, explorer, 89; Professor Sir William Mansfield Cooper, former vice-chancellor of former vice-chancellor of Manchester University, 89: Dame Mona Mitchell, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Alexandra, 54; Mr Phil Neal, footballer, 41; Mr David O'Dowd, chief con-stable, Northamptonshire, 50; Sir stable, Normamponsture, 30; Sif-Frederick Page, former chair-man, Aircraft Group, British Aerospace, 75; Dr Valerie Payne, headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 52; Mr Sidney Politier, actor, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Cameron Rusby, 66; Professor R.A. Weiss, former director, Institute

of Cancer Research, 52; Lady



Mr John Harvey, a director of Gatwick-based Delta Air. The couple, who met at a dinner party in the Savoy hotel in London last year, plan to marry in the summer

Dinners

English Heritage Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and English Heritage gave a dinner at Kenwood House last night to mark Lord Montagu's retirement as the first Chairman of English Heritage. The other speakers were Mr Jocelyn Stevens, chair man-designate, the Duke of Grafton, President of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment. Among those

present were:
The Earl of Shelburne, Viscouniess
Cobham, Lady Montago of Beauties,
Saroness Blitch, Lord Gharmer's of
Amisfield, Lord Crathorne, Lord St John
On Crathorne, Lord St John
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The Hon Nicholes Ridiey, MP, Mrs
Michael Hesetine, Str George Young,
MP, Sir Marcus Worsley, Str Terence
Helser, Str Geoffery Leigh, Sir Peser
Wakefield, Sir David Wilson, Sir Arthur
Drew, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, Mr
Paprick Commack. MP, Mr Andrew
Faulds, MP, Mr Graham C Greene, Mr
George Levy, Dr Ron Brunsfill, Mr
Martin Caroe. Mr Alexander Chan-

cellor. Dr Neil Cossons. Professor Barry Cmiliffe, Mr Terry Farrell, Miss Jennie Page. Mr Jeremy Benson. Mr Feser Burnham. Mr Howard Colvin. Professor Rosemary Cramp. Mr Anthony Emery. Mr Donald Insail. Mr Simon Jenkins.

Institute of Petroleum Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Transport, and the Hon David Gore-Booth, Assistant Under-Secretary of State (Middle East), Foreign and Commonwealth Office, were the guests of honour and speakers at the annual dinner of the Institute of Petroleum held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Basil Butindation for Science and

Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Techhology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Ms Mary Curnock Cook, Mr David Roberts, Mr John North and Mr

Andy Wilson were the speakers. Andy Wilson were the speakers.

Among others present were:

The Earl of Selborne, Lady Butterworth,
Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Baroness
Elliot of Harwood, Baroness EwarnBiggs, Lord Praser of Kilmonack, Lady
Kennes, Baroness Plant of Writtle,
Baroness Robson of Riddington, Barpeness White, Sir Derek Barber, Sir
Anstin Bide, Sir Alastair and Lady
Pilkington, Sir John Onicke, Sir Trevor
Steet, MP, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Iam
Grist, MP, and Mr Jerry Wiggin, MP.

London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates Mr Alastair Robinson, a Gov-ernor of the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, and Mr David Emms, director, received the guests at the annual accountancy, banking and business faculty dinner for graduates of London House and William Goodenough House held last night at Mecklenburgh Square. Among those present were: Among those present were:
The Canadian Ambassador and Mrs.
Eaton. Lord and Lady Benson. Lord
MatLehose of Beoch. Lord and Lady
Pennoci, the Hon P and Mrs Remnant,
Sir Michael Caine and Miss Emma
Nicholson, Mr. Sir John and Lady
Pretwell, Sir Alexander and Lady
Graham, Sir Peter and Lady Lesile, Sir

Jack and Lady Eampton, Sir Robert and Lady Wade-Gery, Mrs A L Robinson, Mr and Mrs J R Calder, Mr G S P Carden, Mr C Harris, Mr and Mrs A D Loebnis, Mr and Mrs I R McKell, Mr G M W Owen and Mrs I R McKell, Mr G M W Owen and Mr and Mrs C Reeves.

Lord Kearton of Whitchurch was host at a dinner at the House was host at a dinner at the House of Lords last night on behalf of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). Among those present were lord brightman, Lord Bruce, Lord Ockfield, Baroness David, Lord Ennals, Lord Ezra, Lord Ferrers, Baroness Hillion, Saroness Liewelyn-Davies, Lord Psyton, Lord Reamon, Baroness Seau, Baroness Serota, Lord Swinfen, Baroness Turper and Lord Swinfen, Baroness Lord Swinfen, Baro

Reception

Corporation of London
The Princess of Wales attended a reception given by the Corpora-tion of London last night at Guildhall to mark the 75th anniversary of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. The Lord Mayor and Lord Keith of Castleacre, president of the society, were the speakers.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.H.F. Fuller

and Miss C. Swetenham
The engagement is announced
between Richard, son of the late Mr and Mrs E.H.F. Fuller, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Swetenham, of Rayne.

Mr A.H. Gregorie and Miss T.V. Hamilton-Shaw

The engagement is announced between Alasdair Harwood, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.H.M. Gregorie, of Billingford, Norfolk, and Tessa Virginia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. Hamilton-Shaw, of Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk.

Mr I.R. Hawkins

and Miss M.C. Larcombe The engagement is announced between lan, son of Mr and Mrs R. Hawkins, of Dorking, Surrey, and Miranda, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Larcombe. Farnham Buckinghamshire.

Mr B. Keen and Miss N.W. Lipton The forthcoming marriage is announced between Ben, eldest son of Edward and Jean Keen. of Christchurch, Dorset, and Nicola, daughter of Ian Lipton, of Hampstead, and Mrs Leslie Berg. of Regent's Park.

Mr M.W. Loveridge and Miss F.E. Knight

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Sir John and Lady Loveridge, of Bindon Manor, Axmouth. Devon. and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Knight, of Ashe, Hampshire.

Mr A.C. Marsden

and Miss H.E. Dixor The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Professor Charles David Marsden, of Ash. Kent, and Mrs Jill Slaney Marsden, of Beckenham, Kent, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Fredrick Gordon Dixon, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr N.G.L. Marsh and Miss J.E. Shorney The engagement is announced between Nick, elder son of Mr

and Mrs D.N. Marsh, of Winson, Gloucestershire, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Shorney, of Littleton Drew, Wiltshire.

Lecture

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Tim Heald was the speaker at The read was the speaker at a lecture held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, the fourth in the 1991-92 series of literary lectures presented by the Royal Over-Seas League in associ-ation with Book Trust, the Royal Society of Literature, the Society of Authors and the Library Association. Mr Ion Trewin presided.

Mr R.P.S. Miller

and Miss V.A. Bond The engagement is announced between Robin, third son of Mr and Mrs Peter Miller, of Lilayi Farm. Zambia. and Virginia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Huben Bond, of Canworthy Water, Cornwall.

Mr M.F. Mitchell

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The Edron

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Dr Peter Travers. Chair of Geography and Deputy Senior Tutor at Homerton College. Cambridge, has been appointed Headmaster of the Edron Academy [El Colegio Británico'). Mexico City. with effect from September.

You know the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ: he was rich, yel for your sake he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8 · 9 (REB)

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DEATHS

ARCHDALE - On February 17th 1992, James Frederick aged 55 years, peatefully at home, dearly loved by wife Vyonite and all his family Cremation at Worrester Cremation at Worrester Cremation in Monday February 24th, at 2.50pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Richards Hospire, Rose Hill. Worrester BELK On February 16th, powerfully, Thomas Brian Helk, used 92, retired Uppingham School Master Funeral at Uppingham Parish Church, on Monday February 24th at 2.50 pm

SITTINGS On February 18th, Robert Cillings CBE, Lift D. at home on waking, Lift Dean Chichester

BLACKER On February 18th. 1992. peacefully in hospital, Jenny. dearly loved wife of Norman. to ing sister of Carol and daughter of Vera. Funeral Service at Mortlase Crematorium on Tuesday, February 25th at.

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BUSHELL - On February
15th, 1992, peacefully at
home. Donald Nicholson,
aged 85 years. Beloved
husband of the late Mary,
dear father of Rosemary and
Paul, and grandfather of
Stephen, Adrian. Philip and
Gavin and Claudine. Delia.
Phoebe and David. Funeral
service at St. Mark's Church,
Woodcote. on Monday
February 24th, at 11.30am
followed by private
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Trurcho & Son. 55,
Chipstead Valley Road.
Coulsdon. Tel: 081 660 2620
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BUTTER - On February 17th, peacefully at Alan Woodrow Park. Boksburg, South Afrika. The Reverend Archibald Charles, son of the late Archibald Butter and Helen (nee Kerr.)

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CLUFF - On 18th February 1992, suddenly in Edgware General Hospital, Wifrid John Tom', dear husband of Rose, father of Margaret. Roger and Pamela and grandpa of Bridget, Christopher. Nichotas and Clare Service al John Keble Church, Mill Hill al 11 45am on Tuesday, 25th February, followed by cremation at Headon Crematorium Family flowers outly to Stonebridge Functal Service. 101 High St. Edgware, Middlessy by 4 30pm on 24 February 1992, donations if desired to the NSPCC.

COLLINS - On 19th February COLLINS - On 19th February, 1992, pearefully, at home, 1992, pearefully, at home, 16th Elizabeth (Bett), in her 85th year Widow of Brigader Gilbert Collins, Dearly, loved mother of Cillian, Zara and Valeria and much loved grandmother Funeral service Monday, 24th February at S. Margaret's of Authorh, S. Margaret's of Authorh, S. Margaret's of Authorh, S. Margaret's at Cliffe at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to W. J. Farrier and Son. 161 London Road, Dover CRILICKSHAMM.

CRUICKSHANK - On February 17th, peacefully, Curinwen mer Lewist, beloved wife of the late Andrew Cruickshank and much loved by Marty, Harriet, Johnny, Duncan, Tewa, Sky, Blue, Day and Dora.

EDWARDS On February 16th 1992, suddents, Arthur Chailes (Gus) Edwards, Aged 86, husband or Nancy Funeral at Chemistord Cre-matorium on Fridas, February 21st at 10:30 am. No Rowers by request bid dopalities. If desting for 53 Products 2 for 1 for 30 and 100 and 10 Rectory: Well Lane, Yallon, Brislot, BS19 4HT.

ETTINGER On February 16th 1992. Charles John born 25th Nay 1951, peace fulls at home Beloved husband of Jean and devoted husband of Jean and devoted father of Beth and Andrew. Much respected Sciention and Partner in Whitelock & Stort who will be death missed Private futeral family flowers only please but dotations in his memory to SHAC The London Housing Ald Centre C/o Beb Wildowson 189a Old Brompton Road, London SWS OAR, Memorial reremony to be held on Wednesday 25th March at 6.00pm at the Law Society. HOSBS - On February 15th, peacefully Kitty (née Appleyard) in hospital aged 80 (6ars. Private Service will be held at Morflake Cremajorium on February 24th Tel 071-730 3617.

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Bridget (née Bradford), with
determined dignity, at Sulton
Manor Nursting Home. Formerty Lecturer at the
University of Surrey.
Beloved mother of Judith
and Elaine and grandmother
of Deplet and Betrick.

tal. Adored husband of Midge, darling father of Mark, Amanda and Sarah, loving brother of Richard and tather-in-law of Robert and Chris. Funeral for family and close friends at 2pm Wednesday February 26th. Church of SI Ambrose, HMS Dolphin, Gosport, Hants. Mentorial Service to be announced at a later date. Donations if desired in Ileu of flowers to The Wessex Medical Trust. Southampton General Hospital. SO9 4XY. or Lenner and Murris. Funeral at Salisbury Crema-torium on Wednesday 26th February at 2.15pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to The Alzheimer's Disease Society. 156 Balham High Road. London SW12

GLAZE On February 18th.
peacefully in her 92nd year.
Mary Barbara Victoria of
Lymington Sister of Evelyn.
Francesca, Joan and Sybil.
Service al St. Thomas'
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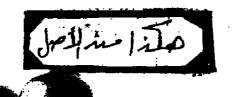
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OBITUARIES

CAPTAIN DESMOND VINCENT-JONES

Captain Desmond Vincent-Jones. DSC and Bar, wartime Fleet Air Arm observer, died on February 9 aged 79. He was born on February 13, 1912.

DESMOND Vincent-Jones was one of that small band of Fleet Air Arm observers who had the thankless task of guiding outdated single-engined dive-bombers in raids on German ships and installations in Norway in the aftermath of the German invasion in April 1940. As navigator, he spent much of the early part of the war in the back seats of vastly outnumbered and outperformed naval fighters. This including some unenviable duels against Messerschmitt 109s over the Dunkirk perimeter. Nevertheless he emerged uninjured. Later on in the war he had a spell flying off one of the hastily-constructed "Woolworth" aircraft carriers during crucial months of the Battle of the Atlantic.

After being educated at Beacon School, Crowborough, he went to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, becoming a naval cadet in 1929. His first sea service was in the battlecruiser Renown. With interruptions for courses in Britain, Vincent-Jones served for much of the 1930s with the America and West Indies Squadron, including a spell in the heavy cruiser Norfolk, flag-ship of the formidably-named Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Plunkett-

Ernle-Erle-Drax. .
When, in 1938, the Admiralty began to expand the Fleet Air Arm. Vincent-Jones volunteered as an ob-server and, after training, joined the aircraft carrier Ark Royal at the end of the year, flying from her throughout 1939. In February 1940 he became senior observer of 806 Squadron, based at Haiston, Orkney, and commanded by Lieuten-ant-Commander Charles "Crash" Evans, a man of fiery beard and

Professor Robert William

Baker, ceramicist, died on

February 12 aged 82. He

was born on February 18,

ROBERT "Bobby" Baker

was the first professor of ce-

ramics at the Royal College of

Art and during the 1940s

and 1950s he was one of the

small band of academics who

shifted the emphasis of the

college from providing arr teachers to the training of

at Wimbledon School of Art,

he quickly became skilled in

ponery, building his own kiln. The ponery that his students produced brought Bak-

er to the attention of

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quality of the ware contrasted

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like Bernard Leach and Wil-

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From this time Baker be-

came a key adviser on art

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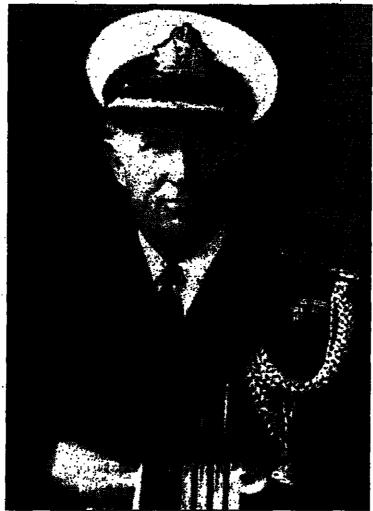
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The unit flew Blackburn Skuas. obsolete fighter/dive bombers. In April 1940 Skuas from Hatston had sunk the German cruiser Königsberg in Bergen harbour, thus becoming the first aircraft to sink a major warship in the war. This fourhour round trip was the extreme limit of the Skua's fuel but the

success of the raid meant that repeat orders followed and 806 carried out several of these hair-raising sorties. some of the Skuas running out of fuel as they landed.

Vincent-Jones, who flew often with his CO, received the DSC for his part in these attacks before the squadron was summoned south to

help cover the Dunkirk evacuation. Many of the Skua crews only just escaped with their lives as vastlysuperior German fighters chased them across the Channel.

The squadron re-equipped with the Fairey Fulmar, the new two-seat fighter which, although an improvement on the Skua, was still far slower than most of its opposition. No 806 took its Fulmars aboard the new carrier Illustrious and joined the Mediterranean Fleet. Despite the limitations of their aeroplanes 806 shot down over 20 enemy aircraft in the next few months, as well as flying diversionary raids during the attack on Taranto by 21 of the carrier's Swordlish aircraft in Nov-

A few weeks later the Illustrious came under heavy attack from Stukas. As the squadron raced to get airborne Vincent-Jones's pilot was forced to swerve around another Fulmar whose engine would not start and they took off just before a stick of bombs struck the flight deck. The stationary Fulmar was obliterated and the Illustrious was so badly damaged that her fighters had to land in Malta.

In the early part of 1941 806 Squadron flew in the defence of both Malta and Crete. Any fighter, no matter how outclassed, was pressed into action and Vincent-Jones participated in at least seven combat victories by a variety of pilots. On one sortie he was dragged from the bath and flew in jacket, trousers, flying helmet and towel. On another his pilot shot down a Ju88 whose gunner nevertheless succeeded in stopping the Fulmar's engine with an accurate burst before he went down himself. Both aircraft ditched in the sea a few hundred yards арап. The British crew were annoyed that the Germans' dinghy worked while their own did not. Fortunately they were picked up by

the destroyer Hereward. Charles Evans was taken ill dur-

ing this period and Desmond Vincent-Jones commanded the squadron for three months. The Bar to his DSC was awarded for his work in these hard pressed times in the Mediterranean.

In October 1941 he was posted to HMS Archer, one of the new "Woolworth" escort carriers which had been rapidly built in American yards on already constructed merchant ship hulls when the demand for carriers became so acute during the darkest months of the battle against the U-boats. Although they carried far fewer aircraft than the standard fleet carrier they nevertheless provided air cover for the convoys which was to prove decisive in the battle, as it greatly augmented the effective range of the surface escorts in their efforts to track and bring to bay the German subma-

rines. HMS Archer, as it happened, was commanded by J. I. Robertson, formerly executive officer of the Illustrious. After two years of convoy escort duties Vincent-Jones was finally in Britain long enough to be invested with his DSC and Bar, which he received in December 1943, three and a half years after the first award.

He completed the war with a period as Fleet Air Arm liaison officer first to Western Approaches Command and then in the air warfare training division. He then served in the new light fleet carrier Theseus, before another spell in the Admiralty. He attended staff col-leges in both Britain and the US. and, having been promoted captain in December 1954, commanded the Naval Air Station at Culdrose in Cornwall, followed by a spell of two years as the naval and military attaché in Buenos Aires. His last two appointments were as Director Naval Air Warfare, 1960-61, and Director Naval Air Division, 1961-64, when he retired. Vincent-Jones is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, and their two daughters.

JOSÉ LLANOS

José Maria Lianos, SJ. Spain's best known worker priest, died on February 10 aged 85. He was born in Madrid on April 26, 1906.

THE son of a general, a chemist by education, and a chaplain of the Falangist youth movement who conducted spiritual exercises for General Franco, José Maria Llanos one day put all that behind him and became as quick to make the clenchedfist salute as the sign of the

In 1955. 16 years after being ordained a Jesuit priest in Granada, he took a decision which shaped his life and moved into a shantytown on the southern edge of Madrid populated by destitute farmlabourers and their families who had migrated to the capital in the hope of finding work.

Padre Llanos, as he soon became known to all, not only lived with them, he lived like them, traipsing through mud or dust to call on them in the tin and cardboard huss which they called home. He not only fought for them, he fought alongside them, making his chapel a refuge for fugilives from the Franco regime. He organised educational pro-

grammes, helped his neighbours to find jobs, to build better dwellings, and above all to maintain their selfrespect.

Aligning himself with the dispossessed, Padre Llanos joined the Spanish Communist Party and became one of the founders of the then illegal trade union organisation. Workers' Commissions. He shared the persecution they suffered under Franco. He remained as poor as his charges - in fact, poorer at his death, by which time his 36 years of sacrifice had borne fruit and his "parishioners," including a fair number of atheists, agnostics and apostates, were living in modern flats. A month before his death, Padre Llanos distributed his few earthly possessions among close friends: awards he had been given. books and other objects of

negligible material value.
"He made occasional mistakes, as all of us do, but I'm convinced that his every effort was made with the best intentions and he always tried to be a faithful member of the church, although some of its members never understood him," said Cardinal Vicente Enrique y Tarancón.

APPRECIATIONS

Angela Carter

MAY I add a footnote to your obituary of Angela Carter (February 17). I was fortunate to direct all Angela's radio plays. It was an ideal medium for the "world of myth, dream and fairy-tale." We first worked together on

an original gothic tale for radio, Vampirella, in 1976. She went on to write a portrait of the minaturist Richard Dadd, Come Unto These Yellow Sands (1979), for which she won a Sony Radio Award. Here she literally brought to life the tiny figures in Dadd's paintings, The Company of Wolves (1980. prior to the film) and Puss in Boots were based on her short stories. It was to Angela that I instinctively turned when asked to make a programme about Ronald Firbank. She



and his work, A Self-Made Man (1983), which was a

model of its type.

Angela had an enormous sense of fun which bubbled through a natural shyness and irradiated everything she did. Working with her was life-enhancing.

Glyn Dearman

Lord Southesk

YOUR obituary of Lord Southesk (February 18) told not only of the attention he gave to the smallest detail of running his estate but that he drove to do his Christmas shopping at the age of 98. It brought back a childhood memory of once going with him to buy presents for the Christmas tree which was the centrepiece of the party which the Southesks gave each year at Kinnaird for the children

of tenants and estate workers.

The imposing figure of Lord Southesk strode into Woolworths and placed on the counter, in the middle of the display, an ancient but immaculate crocodile skin suitcase emblazoned with a gold coronet. He opened the empty case saying: "Now! We need 31 small toys - nothing over 3 pence."

Forty years later I can still see the expression on the face of the girl behind that counter.

Frances Manson

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keen golfer.

senior treasurer of the col-

lege's Amalgamation Club in

which role he guided and

advised undergraduates in

the running of the main

sporting and cultural clubs of

the college. He enjoyed play-ing cricket himself in his

younger days with his father at Hambledon and was a



bridge. Hyde Charnock Whalley-Tunker was a member of a Hampshire family which owned lands adjacent to Broadhalfpenny Down, re-garded as the cradle of English cricket, where the Humbledon Cricket Club played from the eighteenth century. His father was captain of that club for 44 years. He had ancestral links with

for during the reign of He was just old enough to

At that time Downing was a small college. As a young Cambridge don. Whalley-Tooker, or W-T as he was universally known, lived in college for some years in the East Lodge and quickly became involved in all aspects of college life. In 1931 he suc-ceeded J. H. Widdicombe as senior tutor, a post he held until 1947.

His pupils remember with gratitude and affection his practical advice, kindly common sense, efficiency and unfailing courtesy. His style is epitomised by his response to a tutorial pupil who informed him that he had been awarded an omega for an essay, he calmly suggested: "Why don't

Royal College of Physicians, Air Commodore N H James (Principal Denial Officer, Raf Support Com-mand)

Squadron Leader C Harrison Princess Mary's RAF Nursing Servicel, Principal Nursing Officer J Titley, the Rev Brian McAvoy (RAF Support Command), Mrs S Cox (Association of Medical Sectional Section In Section 1988), Mrs S Cox (Association of Medical Section In Surgery, RAF) and Mrs Thomson, Mrs B Best (SSAFA), Mr John Frashman (Old Berkhamstedians), Dr Eric Blacksdder (Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygeney Mith Dr HE A Carson and Group Capitain R A Smith: Professor & Helliman (Westminster Hospitail), Dr Ken Engingon (Chief Medical Olificer, CAA), Mrs B A Sidwell, Mrs Richard Johns, Mrs K A Campbell, Mrs J Modaren, Mrs M F Morgin, Mrs and Mrs J Modaren, Mrs M F Morgin, Mrs and Mrs R J Weston and Mr

Moran, Mr and Mrs R J Weston and Mr Moray Stewart.

A memorial service for Mr Mau-

rice Berkeles was held vesterday

in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. The Rev

Felix Boyse officiated. Mr Mich-

ael Corkery. QC. treasurer, read

the lesson and Mr Frederic

G. Berkeley, brother, gave an

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Beckett was held

vesterday ut the Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great West

Smithfield. The Rev David Lawson officiated and Charles

Baker grandson, read the lesson.

Sir Terence Beckett read from

the works of Canon Henry Scott

read Hymn 296 from Songs of

Praise. Mr Geoffres Mulcahy.

Chairman and Chief Executive of

Mr John Beckett

gave addresses.

Mr Maurice Berkeley

governing body until his reand calm integrity commanded the loyalty of all, That he remained fully in the confidence of the governing body of the college and of the late Dr F. R. Leavis at a time when relations between

to his qualities.

He coupled his college work with work in the university where he lectured in law from 1931 until 1967. His lectures on the history of the constitutional law of England and on Roman law as a European heritage were a model of clarity and sound judgement. He loaned a portrait of his ancestor, Sir Nicholas Hyde, to the law faculty where it hangs in the Squire library. He also served for some years as a member of the council of senate, the general board of

Downing and Leavis were

strained is eloquent testimony

board of law. In recent years when in retirement W-T continued to take an active interest in the activities of Downing and of the law faculty.

the faculties and of the faculty

Whalley-Tooker married Frances Halsted in 1935. She died in 1987. They had

one daughter who survives

Rowe, poet, Frome, Somerset, 1855; Robert Peary, Arctic ex-plorer. Washington, 1920; Sir London, 1960; Percy Grainger, York, 1961.

Hapus at 378 Gower Road, Killay, Swansea, at 11.25; the Welsh rugby team's training session at St Helen's rugby ground at 12.25; and the Breast Test Wales Centre, Alexandra Road, at 1.40.

shire, left estate valued at £464.911 net. Mr Rowland Austin Smith, of

and provided the cash. But for the King, the Belgium people would never have dreamed of a West African Empire. (Many of them dream of it now only as a nightmare.) If it is true that the King now owes to Belgium most of the men and certain

appointed as a result of its aguation. That report, suppressed as long as possible by the Free State authorities, published lished at last without the evidence, and never quoted now without the omission of all the adverse findings, showed irrefurably the sinister character of the Congo regime - at all events in the matter of the exploitation of the rubber forests. For it must be remembered that part only of the Congo produces rubber, and where there is no rubber there have been few or no complaints. At the time when the Commission reported (November,

Belgium has yet to become Hitherto, of course, the

equally true that Belgium owes to the King the achievement of confirmation and support upon England and the other

has been harrowed by stories of

been preached which seems

now about to reach its climax.

This crusade, marked though

exaggeration characteristic of such movements, has at all

events succeeded in awaking

ssertions were confirmed by

the report of the Belgian Com-

mission of Inquiry which was

Powers cannot detract from the But as to the way in which he has done the work there is, unfortunately, ample room for riticism. For years the world

the Congo as his personal property and for the next 23 years ruled it with brute force. Following an international protest he was compelled to cede power to the Belgian government. In 1960 Belgian Congo was declared

independent, finally becoming the Republic of Zaire in 1971.

THE CONGO

In view of the fact that the Congo question will shortly be

Congo has been a "one-man show". It was King Leopold alone who originally supplied the initiative, found the men, millions of the money, it is

1905) the Congo was for the ordinary Belgian something altogether unworthy of attention. It was, in the first place, a country to which, 100 often, were shipped off the waster and the undesirable, in the hope that if they survived the cli-mate, they might in some mysterious way "make a bit", and, returning, be less of an incubus upon their families. Gradually, however, the re-

form movement gathered strength, until the debates in the Chamber of last winter. culminating in a unanimous vote, showed that the Belgian Parliament, so long submissive to the absolutism of the Sov-ereign-founder, had determined to take the matter into its own hands...

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr David Evans, Director of Information Technology with the Property Services Agency, to be the first Chief Executive of he Department of Transport's Information Technology exec utive agency. Baroness Brigstocke to be a

member of the Museums and Galleries Commission. Ms Marilynne Morgan to be Solicitor and Legal Adviser, Department of the Environment, from May, on the retirement of

Mr Michael Ware, QC.

Legal Mr Arthur William Edge Wheeler to be a Social Security Commissioner. Mr I. D. Burnett, Mr R. Drabble, Mr C. Katkowski and Mr R. McManus to be Junior Counsel to

the Crown, Common Law. Mr M. Cunningham and Mr S. Moverley Smith to be Junior Counsel to the Crown, Chancery. Mr M. S. Gill, Mrs Melanie Hall, Mr J. Hobson, Miss A. Robinson, Mr M. Shaw, Mr R. Singh and Mr D.A. Smith to be members of the Supplementary Panel of Counsel, Common Law.

Sir Patrick

Hamilton A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Patrick Hamilton, Bt, will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, March 17, at 2.30pm.



PROFESSOR ROBERT BAKER

Baker had been educated at the Royal College (1927-31) where he was an outstanding student. The award difficult time for Baker. He of a Rome scholarship in was largely frustrated by a painting (1933) allowed him penny-pinching city council to travel widely. His admiraand an industry used to maktion for the work of the Renaissance masters convinced ing impractical demands on him of the need for a firm technical foundation in drawing and historical tradition. He believed that this was the key to successful design for. Employed first as a teacher

the local art schools. His handling of these problems won him respect from powerful figures in the industry, however. Josiah Wedgwood, chairman of both the pottery firm and the board of governors at the Royal College, recommended Baker in 1948 for the newly created chair of ceramics. Baker arrived at the college at a time when it was teeter-

ing on the brink of extinction. with severe criticism for its failure to serve industry. The government's answer had been to appoint the radical and fiery Robin (later Sir Robin) Darwin as rector. Under Darwin's direction. Baker realised what he had been unable to achieve at Stoke. The new pottery department was the most advanced of its kind in Europe. Through his understanding of industry. Baker designed

the workshops as if they were

M Emmanuel de Margerie

The Queen and the Duke of

Edinburgh were represented by Viscount Long at a requiem Mass

for Monsieur Emmanuel de Margerie celebrated yesterday at

Norre Dame de France, Leicester

Place, by Père Jacques Coupet. The Prince of Wales was represented by Mr Gerald Ward, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by

Captain the Hon Tom Coke and

Prince Michael of Kent by

Pere Coupet read the lesson and

M Bernard Dorin. French

Ambassasor, gave an address. Mr

Anthony Figgis, Vice-Marshal of

the Diplomatic Corps. and Mr Michael H. Jay. Assistant Under-Secretary of State. Foreign and

Commonwealth Office, attended.

Among others present were:

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Mine de Margerie: the Greek Ambassador and Mine Papoullas, the Belgan Ambassador and Baroness Dehemin, the Marquess and Marchioness of Saibury, the Earl of Bestborough, Parricla Countess Jeilicoc, the Earl and Countess of Sheiburne, Lord Micholas Gordon Lennox, Lady Rupern Nevill, Lord and Lady Strabolgi, Lady Weinstock, Lady Quinton, Lady Inchyra, Lord Carrington, CH, and Lady Carrington, Lord Jenking of Hillhead, Lord Ashburton, Lord and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Mr John Patten, MP, Sir Michele Palliser, the Hon Lady de Zulueus, the Hon Diana Makafii, the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, Sir Amiony Meyer, MP, Sir Reresby Sitwell, Sir Edward Tomkuns, Sir Aniony Meyer, MP, Sir Reresby Sitwell, Sir Edward Tomkuns, Sir Aniony and Lady Berlin, Sir Alan and Lady Larnets, Sir Sailah Berlin, OM, and Lady Berlin, Sir Alan and Lady Larnets, Sir Arthibald Ross, Sir Brinsley and Lady Ford, Sir Kenneth and Lady Larnets, Sir William and Lady Harding, Sir Paul Wright, Sir John Ver, Sir Paurick Relity, Sir Nickolas and Lady Heriderson, Mr Frank and Lady Heriderson,

Colonel Michael Farmer.

part of a factory, employing technicians from Stoke and pursuing a policy of grounding each student in industrial technique and tradition. Baker prided himself on training students for the needs of particular firms, thereby ensuring employment when they graduated. Under Baker's guidance students at the college were

expected to make exhaustive studies of historical examples. often from the ceramics collections at the Victoria & Albert Museum, and to copy them exactly. Admitting that students protested, he remained convinced of the need fortechnique and tradition in the training of the designer.

Baker remained professor until 1959, drawing national and international admiration for his work in providing ceramic designers, and in re-search for industry. His greatest legacy was the work of his students, with names such as Colin Melbourne (Roya! Doulton), Robert Minkin (Wedgwood) and Kathleen Hills (Royal Worcester) dominating ceramic design in Britain during the post-war period.

Baker was succeeded at the Royal College by David, Lord Queensberry. Disillusioned with changes which shifted the Royal College away from industry once again, he became design director at Royal Worcester. After his retirement he became a technical adviser to a number of heritage projects, most notably working on the restoration of the tiled floors at Winchester and Worcester cathedrals. His wife. Eve, predeceased him, and he is survived by a son and daughter.

Ratherine Glies, Mr and the Hon Mrs E Brudenell, Mr Percy Grieve, QC, Mr J A Floyd and Mr Michael Jay.

Air Marshal Sir Nigel Mills

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Air Marshal Sir

Nigel Mills was held yesterday at S1 Clement Danes, Strand. The

Ven B H Lucas, Chaplain-in-Chief, RAF, officiated, assisted by

Canon H.J. Stuart and the Rev

and Mr John de B. Madaren

read the lessons and Air Chief

Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans

read High Flight by the Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee. Air Vice-Marshal M.F. Moran gave

an address. Among others present

Lady Mills (widow). Mr and Mrs Paul Ritchen, Mr and Mrs Mark Skulf and Mr and Mrs Mark Skulf and Mr and Mrs Gordon Hunter (sons-in-law) and daughters). Lady [Gorgef Mills [mother, Mr and Mrs Derek Mills (brother and sister-in-law), Mr s John Mircham (sisten, Mrs Hitcham Mills Auf Mrs Mrs Mrs Mills Str. Roy and Lady Austen-Solith, Major-General and Mrs F R Kay, Mr and Mrs Richard Bryant.

R Kay, Mr and Mrs Richard Bryant.
The Counters of Umerick Ichairman, British Red Cross Society, Lord Walton of Detchant, Field Marshal Sir Richard and Lady Vincent, Marshal of the Raf Sir Michael Beetham. Admiral Sir Michael Livesay (representing the Admiralty Board), General Sir Devid Ramsbootham. Vice-Admiral Sir Bery Wilson. Lieutenani-General Sir Peter and Lady Beale, Lieutenani-General Sir Peter and Lady Beale, Lieutenani-General Sir Peter and Lady Beale, Lieutenani-General Sir Peter and Lady Hine, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon. Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Bendan Jackson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Bendan Jackson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding (Chief of the Other of the Marshal Sir Peter Harding (Chief of the Chief of the C

Air Vice-Marshal J.M. Brook

A.T.R. Goode.

January 16 aged 91. He was born on September 1. FOR many years H. C. Whal-

ley-Tooker had the responsibility for introducing Cambridge men to law, a role for which his combined-legal and historical training eminemly fined him. As director of studies in law his pupils

H. C. Whalley-Tooker, for-

mer director of studies in

law at Cambridge Univer-sity and emeritus fellow of

Downing College, died on

included such distinguished men as Sir Robert Jennings, Professor Clive Parry, Lord Goodman, Professor J. C. Smith and Professor D. W. Bowell. For more than 64 years he was a fellow and latterly emeritus fellow of Downing College, Cam-

Sir Nicholas Hyde, chief justice of the King's bench. 1027-3i and with Hyde's nephew. Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, Lord Chancel-

see service in the Rifle Brigade in the last months of the first world war after school at Eton and came up subse-quently to Trining Hall, Cambridge. After obtaining first classes in both parts of the law

Licutenani-General Sir Alam Raey (Royal Star and Garner Homel, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Godfrey Milton-Thompson, Air Marshal Sir Michael Stear, Air Marshal Sir Michael Stear, Air Marshal Sir Charles Soutar (RAFA) and Lady Soutar, Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Donald, Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Remball, Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Drienlin, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, Air Marshal Sir Roger and Lady Pallin, Air Marshal Sir John Thomson, Air Marshal Sir Erness Sidey. Sir Terence English toresident, Rayal College of Surgeons of Englands, Sir David Alkinson idirector general, Ströke Associationi, Sir Douglas Ranger (presiden). United Services Section, Royal Society of Medicinet and Lady Raight) Jackson, Lady Williams, Lady Patry-Evans.

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Radiological Protection Servicej. Sur-geon Captain B Lambert (RN Hospital, Hasiet), hit Vice-Marshal D G Davison (Dean of Air Force Medicine) and Mrs Davison. Air Vice-Marshal P Howard

Memorial services

H. C. WHALLEY-TOOKER

tripos and proceeding to the LLM degree, he moved to Oxford, following a period of schoolmastering, to read history at Balliol. He returned to Cambridge to take up a fellowship at Downing College in 1927 and to assume the offices of dean and junior

you try working up the alphabet?" For 17 years he was

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Honoré Daumier, artist. Marseilles, 1808: Georges Bernanos, novelist, Paris, 1888: Dame Marie Rambert, founder, Ballet Rambert, 1888.

DEATHS: James I of Scotland, reigned 1406-37, murdered, Perth, 1437; Mrs Elizabeth 1737; Joseph Hume, social reformer, Burnely Hall, Norfolk, Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, composer. White Plains. New

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will visit Ty

Prince Edward will visit the Metropolitan Police Special Es-cort Group at Barnes Garage at

Latest wills

Lord Lock, of Westbury, Wilt-Holland and Mr Paul Williamson

Swinhope, Lincolnshire, left es-Kingfisher, and Mr Peter Phelan tate valued at £9,711,642 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

FEB 20 ON THIS DAY

The last three decades of the nineteenth century saw the

European powers engaged in an unholy scramble to colonise Africa. In 1885 Leopold II of Belgium claimed

BELGIUM AND

brought into renewed prom-inence both in England and in Belgium, it seems desirable that English readers should have before them in a con-nected form the chief considerations necessary for forming a useful opinion on the subject. First, it is essential to realise the difference between the Belgian and the English points of view, and to do that one must bear in mind the following obvious though often forgotten facts. England has been for centuries a colonial Power.

a great enterprise. The fact that his position as Sovereign-Founder has depended for its

Tories press Lamont for pre-Budget interest cut

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE cabinet will today be given Norman Lamont's outline of the expected path of the economy for the rest of the year, indicating his scope for tax cuts in the Budget on March 10.

With the Budget seen as the likely springboard for the election. Neil Kinnock last night issued a five-page briefing to his shadow cabinet saying that the prime minister was boxed in by parliamentary convention: if he wanted an election on April 9 he would have to announce it on March 11, without taking time to assess the impact of

the Budget on public opinion. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will not tell his colleagues today the specific

Abortion issue may go to vote

Continued from page 1 gressive Democrats said:

The Maastricht referendum will be reratifying the existing provisions of the right-to-life article, which creates huge problems." He added that change in the wording would have to be made before or at the same time as the Maas-

The debate over the implications of the Maastricht treaty came as Albert Reyn-olds, the prime minister, held separate meetings with each of the opposition leaders amid a growing concensus that constitutional change will be the only realistic way of

resolving the controversy. Mr Reynolds was said to be desperately keen to try to resolve the situation as speedily and effectively as possible. It was being emphasised that contrary to earlier reports, he was not ruling out a further referendum but was also considering other avenues open to him, including possible op-portunities in EC law. A naionwide radio poll yesterday found a decisive majority in favour of a new referendum.

measures planned, but he is being left in no doubt by senior colleagues of their anxiety to see significant tax cuts, involving at least 1p off the standard rate and a lifting of tax thresholds by more

While Downing Street indicated yesterday that the John Major will be urging the need for prudence and caution in the continued pursuit of lower inflation, ministers believe that Mr Lamont must highlight the difference between Labour and Tory approaches on March 10 by offering the income tax cut which Labour has promised to reverse.

There is a growing belief among Tory MPs that Mr Lamont will cut interest rates further. Debate within the party on whether any cut should precede or accompany the Budget or should be kept in reserve to increase momen turn further between the Budget and the election appears to have concluded in favour of an early cut.

Labour's sensitivity to criticisms that its tax plans are too vague was evident when John Smith, the shadow chancellor, confirmed vesterday's report in The Times that he will specify soon after the Budget where Labour's top tax rate of 50p will apply.

Sources close to Mr Smith who had previously insisted that Labour would only disclose the detailed operation of its tax plans in his first Budget as chancellor, said the party will also clarify how it intends to remove the upper earnings limit of £21,000 on insurance national contributions.

In a stormy and ill-tem-pered Opposition-initiated debate in the Commons on the economic slowdown, Mr Smith blamed the government "incompetence" for what he described as the longest recession since the second world war. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, said that America, Germany and even Japan were suffering recessions and said it was impossible for Britain to avoid the consequences at home.

Parliament, nage 8



In the pink: Colin Buchanan, assistant bishop of Rochester, tying his boots while his team-mates wait



Captain's role: Bob Hardy, Bishop of Lincoln, lines up a pass as the mothers' team closes in

Bully bishops win mother of a match

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

went out from the Church of England yesterday: the collective noun for a group of bishops is a "bully". The title was granted after bishops. attending yesterday's general synod, exchanged their purple cassocks for pink tracksuits and their croziers for hockey sticks to take on the blue-trousered Mothers' Union at hockey.

The bishops, average age 54 years and nine months, were captained by Bob Hardy. Bishop of Lincoln and a former nigby front row forward. They scored a decisive

AN UNOFFICIAL decree 2-0 win in a match that surprised onlookers for its aggression and competitiveness. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who watched from the sidelines at Dean Yard, Westminster, described it as "the mother of all hockey matches".

The goals were scored by Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford. Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely, had a goal disallowed and was booked. Undaunted, the mothers vowed to fight back next year. The match raised up to £100,000

for family projects supported by the church urban fund.

out of a rape case the victim was awarded £25,000. In this

Political sketch

Nothing sacred in the bear pit

The Bishop of Norwich made his maiden speech to the House of Lords yesterday. "I be-lieve," he told their lordships, "that human nature is corruptible, our motives easily mixed, and that we are not always capable by

ourselves of judging what is best for the human race."
For all the difference it makes to MPs, the bishop might as well talk to the birds. Could he hear the din down the corridor in the Commons? From the front benches, an outrageous performance by Michael Heseltine, his best since the party conference, was bringing the Tories to their feet, hollering with delight. "Crowd of incompetents!" yelled Labour's John Smith. And, from the back bench-es, another outbreak of civil war between the Derby-shire MPs had an hon gentleman insulting another hon gentleman's mother. As the bishop reviewed

his notes on the ethical condition of mankind, there were angry shouts, not 300 yards away. Millionaire yards away. "Mulionaire mammy's boy!" Dennis Skinner (Lab, Bolsover) was bawling at his Derbyshire neighbour, Phillip Oppenheim (C, Amber Valley). "Your brother was sacked for corruption," Oppenheim was shouting back.
The last scuffle I reported The last scuffle I reported

from these ancient wars was between Dennis and Edwina (Currie, C, S Derbyshire) — over whose head, said Dennis, a constituent wanted to break a basket of eggs. But today young Phil-lip goes onto the attack . . .

The member for Amber Valley is developing a col-ourful if thuggish line in county council bashing. He came whooping out of his trench and went right over the top. He railed against "candyfloss, Mickey Mouse jobe" with the com-Mouse jobs" with the coun cil. It was "sponging off the back of the poll tax payers". He cited members of the Skinner family as having landed such jobs. He at-tacked Dennis Skinner's brother. He attacked Skinner's sister. Mr Oppenheim stopped short of insulting Mr Skinner's mother.

Mr Skinner stopped short at nothing. He insult-ed Mr Oppenheim's moth-er. He called her the rudest thing a Skinner can call you, a "millionaire", and Oppenheim was her "mammy's boy". Pink with rage, Skinner defended his

brother's honour. He had not, as alleged, been "sacked for corruption" but "for standing up to the To-ries". "Sacked for fiddling." Oppenheim bawled back.

Journalists beside me re-coiled. "I hope someone keeps those two apart." whispered one, but I must disappoint him. In Derbyshire, they speak of Dennis as the sensitive one, the thinker. His brother David is the bruiser. And in the MPs' smoking room, it is Oppenheim's mum. Sally, who is regarded as the ti-ger. Phillip is just a cub on a learning curve. David Skin-ner vs Lady Oppenheim-Barnes: the Clay Cross Crusher vs the Blonde Bomber. Now that would, be a championship fight. And, as it turned out,

MPs were soon to witness another, from another blond bomber, Michael Heseltine. He had come to answer the attack from Labour's shadow Chancel-lor, John Smith.

Cmith was good but Heseltine was better. It was shameless. Egging his own side on in a cheering and jeering worthy of a football match, he scorned Smith's efforts to soothe bankers at City luncheons. Such efforts had failed, said Heseltine ... "All those prawn cocktails — for nothing! Never have so many crustaceans died in vain! Save the prawns!"

The environment secretary's speech took us next to Luigi's restaurant where, in front of reporters, Neil Kinnock had wrestled with the "phasing in" of his tax

plans ...
"Economics bolognese! cried Heseltine. He turned to his own side. Pity the Labour leader, he said, "long strings of spaghetti slipping through his fork while the minutiae of national insurance contributions slipped through the caverns of his mind". These are the bits you won't read in serious reports. In truth they were the only bits that mattered. They were a tonic to morale on the Tory back benches. In British politics, a good speech still matters.
"Madam Deputy Speaker," complained Labour's
George Foulkes, "this is

nothing other than a music hall turn!" Indeed. But what a music

MATTHEW PARRIS

Sara Keays celebrates £105,000 libel victory mind awards in other spheres to his resignation as trade of civil litigation. For example in the first civil action arising money and was deliberately

Continued from page 1 then I am a banana', then all can say is 'Move over because I am getting into the

Miss Keays, who is estimatd to have received well over E100.000 in a dozen previous libel cases, most of which were settled out of court, was supported in court throughout the case by her father. Colonel Hastings Keays and her twin sister Elizabeth. Miss Keays, whose 12-year affair with Mr Parkinson led and industry secretary in 1983, said the magazine artide put her in the same company as such "pillow talkers" as Fiona Wright, former lover of the ex-Burton chief Sir Ralph Halpern, the former call-girl Pamela Bordes and the former model Vicki Hodge, who had all carned money by publishing revelations about their sex lives. It implied, she said, that

her 1985 book A Question of

Judgement contained sexual

published when it would cause maximum embarrassment to Mr Parkinson. Mr Justice Drake refused a defence application for a stay of execution pending a possible appeal and granted Miss Keays an injunction

banning the defendants from repeating the libel. Daniel Taylor, solicitor for New Woman, said: "The amount of the award is sur-

prising when one bears in

ABROAD

cloudy morning with rain spreading from the north-west followed by brighter weather.

action Sara Keays was awarded £105,000 for four paragraphs in a women's If the jury's award had been

lower than the £50,000 paid into court by the defendants as a settlement offer before the hearing, she would have had to pay the costs incurred from the date of the offer.

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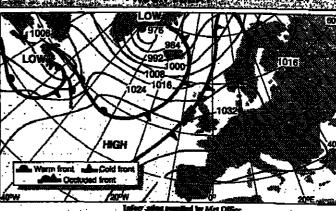
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ACROSS I Mischievous child in element grows up (6).

4 How Celtic boss got his job? (8). 10 The type of publication branches tend to drop (5-4). 11 Fruit profits to be shared (5).

12 Small parcel left inside skirt pocket (7). 13 The intrinsic nature of a city church (7).

14 Orders last of ale and stout (5). 15 The original horse bus — not the standard model (4-4). 18 Torpid oar - said to be a dimwit

20 Capital for current new car (5). 23 The hearing of one in the State Opening giving nothing away

25 Top implement (7).

26 Australian cut in the Strand (5). 27 Receive a K, say, in ignorance

28 Being relieved, the soldiers departed (8). 29 He shows a healthy interest in dealing with his clients (6).

 No measure of acidity in the large intestine of La Belle Sauvage, for example (8). 2 Cut off rie, also buckle (7).

3 State of the house kept by Dame Durden (9).

5 Sailor king introduces English girl to "an elderly man of 42" (6.8).

6 Feet a doctor is bandaging (5).
7 Stories out of the Bible make money (7). 8 Extracted from an American

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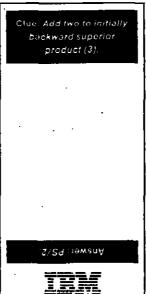
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Can Sir Paul Girolami find the formula to keep Glaxo, the

pharmaceuticals group, growing at the same heady rate in the Nineties as it did in the Eighties? Page 21

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Karen Horn joins BP as a non-executive director but one of the oil group's most promising directors is

Troubled group goes £81 m into red

Day takes hard line on BAe loss-makers

By Graham Searjeant, Pinancial editor

ing on April 30. A shortlist of

fewer than five was drawn up at the end of January. Those

on the shortlist were all execu-

tives of large companies with international businesses, al-

though some are thought to be drawn from process rather

For 1991, BAe reported

profits before exceptional

items of £154 million, down

from £400 million. This was

in line with its forecast at the

time of last September's rights issue of £430 million,

which was largely left with underwriters and led to the

replacement by Sir Graham

of Professor Sir Roland

Exceptional reorganisation and rationalisation charges

of £235 million, slightly lower than predicted, left pre-tax

losses of £81 million against a

1990 profit of £376 million

and a loss after tax of £152

million. The dividend is

maintained at 25p per share,

costing a further £105 mil-

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manufacturing

SIR Graham Day, interim chairman of British Aerospace, has said that businesses incurring structural losses will be closed unless BAe can find suitable partners to put them into joint ventures.

We have to preserve that which is preservable and operate on behalf of shareholders," Sir Graham said. A selection of businesses

outside the core elements of defence, aerostructures, Rover vehicles, property development and construction is up for sale but Sir Graham said that an alternative solution was "to downsize some businesses".

The group's new priority to maximise cash flow was emphasised by Sir Graham when he announced a widely predicted group loss of £81 million pre-tax for 1991. It will create extra urgency in BAe's search for a partner for its regional airliner manufacturing business, which primarily rests on the loss-making BAe146 family of

BAe's commercial aircraft division made a loss of £37 million before interest charges in 1991, although the business making components for Airbus Industrie moved into profit and has a good order book.

Dick Evans, the chief exec-utive responsible for aircraft and defence activities, said, however, that there were good partnership prospects for the regional aircraft business which, like the more successful executive jet business, has now been organised separately from the Airbus business. He said BAe was "close to

establishing common ground" with rival manufacturers with which a joint venture might be negotiated. Sir Graham hinted that the identity of a new permanent chairman for BAe, who would be drawn from outside

the group and would be Brit-

ish, would probably be re-

vealed at BAe's annual meet-

its partner, was accommodated within forecast provisions by reducing exceptional re-



Day: replacement hint

organisation costs in other parts of the group. Sir Gra-ham said: "Circumstances have changed even since Sep-

The reorganisation costs cover large-scale cuts in jobs, which are likely to fall by 10,000 this year, after previously being reduced by

BAe shares rose 30p to 303p after Sir Grahan revealed that BAe achieved a net cash inflow of £630 million in the second half of 1991 without counting the rights issue proceeds. Although cash flow is seasonal and was neutral for the full year, the second-half inflow emcompassed a £200 million contribution from Rover.

The carmaker had been managed with the aim of conserving cash in difficult markets, despite a fall from pre-interest profits of £103 million to losses of £83 million, mostly incurred in the

The defence business, preinterest profits of which rose lion, but Sir Graham said that future dividends would from £504 million to £553 depend on trading and prosmillion, also produced a strong positive cash flow hefore the rundown of custom-An unbudgeted provision ers' deposits, mainly on the of £51 million against the Saudi Al Yamamah contract group's investment in Burfrom £1.5 billion to £760 wood House, a retail property group into which BAe was forced to inject £79 million million. Proceeds from sales of as-

sets, including aircraft held in finance companies, were higher than expected.

At the year end, borrowing was only 16 per cent of shareholders funds excluding advance payments from customers, which are expected to stabilise at around £500 mil-

Mr Evans said he hoped that phase two of the Al Yamamah contract would be agreed soon. The group also expects an immediate decision from the British government on development of a new short-range air-to-air missile and, later this year, a decision on production of the European fighter aircraft.

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Minnie Mouse as "preferred UK airline" for holiday packages to the Paris Euro Disneyland from Heathrow, Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow

Modest retail sales rise fails to impress City

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT year-on-year, but from weak

the late start to the January

wholesalers and retailers dur-

MODEST rise in retail sales in the official figures for January was greeted by the trade as a sign of nascent consumer confidence. City economists, however, still doubt whether the pickup will

The Central Statistical Office said seasonally adjusted volume sales increased 0.4 per cent last month, after an 0.9 per cent fall in December. The year-on-year gain in January was 0.9 per cent. Despite heavy discounting before and after Christmas, sales rose only 0.4 per cent in the latest three months and were up only 0.7 per cent compared with the same per-

iod last year. Robert Lind, economist ar Phillips & Drew, said: "The trend is flat and any pickup will be very muted."

James May, director-general of the Retail Consortium. which respresents most of the retailing sector, said, however, that January was better than expected and the improvement had continued into February. This was "encouraging" for retailers. He said business remained competitive and it would be some time before profitability

started to recover. The government figures confirmed the findings of the latest distributive trades survey by the Confederation of British Industry. Sales showed steady improvement

trading conditions at a time of Gulf tension. Preliminary gross domestic The January pickup mainly reflected a 3.5 per cent rise in food sales. Clothing and footwear were down, although

trading period might have distorted the data. Other CSO figures showed £969 million reduction in stocks held by manufacturers,

ing the final quarter of last

product data out today had been expected to show a 0.2 per cent drop in the fourth quarter, but the heavy destocking suggests a sharper ☐ In America, government

figures showed consumer prices rising 0.1 per cent in January, the smallest monthly rise since last July.

Rhône defies profit trend

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN PARIS

RHÔNE-POULENC has recorded a rise in profits to defy the gloomy global trend of falling profits among chemi-

cal companies. The state-owned French group, which recorded a 3.2 per cent rise in net income to Fr2 billion in 1991, attributes its success to a growing expo-sure in the pharmaceuticals and health sector that now accounts for 34.8 per cent of the company's business.

Last year saw the first full-year consolidation of Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, formed in 1990 when Rhone-Poulenc bought 68 per cent of Rorer, an American biotechnology

group. Operating income rose more strongly, by 37.5 per cent to Fr6.27 billion; sales were up 6.9 per cent to Fr83.8 billion. Income per share went up 1.9 per cent to Fr20.53 and the gross dividend remains at Fr23.25.

The results were achieved only on the back of strong performance by the health division, which more than doubled operating income to Fr4.2 billion; other sectors were disappointing, especially organic and inorganic intermediates and agrichemicals. Health-related businesses are less cyclical than bulk chemicals.

In the past few years the company has spent Fr40 billion on acquisitions. Apart from the Rorer deal, these included the purchase of RTZ's chemicals business in 1989. Last year, a process of divestment began, with sales worth Fr4 billion.

Jean-Rene Fourtou, chairman and chief executive, said the group "still contains nonstrategic business activities, which are often under-performing and which we can-

He said Rhône had achieved its main strategic objective of ranking among the world's five leading companies in each of its business sectors. Overall, the company is the world's seventh-largest chemical company and the

fifth-largest in Britain. Rhône-Poulenc is believed to favour reducing the state's 56 per cent interest. M Fourtou faces reappointment . this summer.

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Clegg denies insider dealing

By MARTIN WALLER

JOHN Clegg, former manag-ing director of Wace, the prepress services company, has ssued a legal statement denying acting on, or passing on to others, price-sensitive information.

The company is the subject of a Department of Trade and Industry enquiry into share dealings in the smaller Parkway Group in the months before Wace's suc-cessful bid for that company

Mr Clegg, in a statement through his solicitors, Norton Rose, said press reports had contained "many groundless allegations and innuendoes against me". Allegations, since denied, of a link between the company and the 1RA had been followed by further speculation in the

press.
"The other directors of Wace became concerned at the possibility of continuing rumours regarding myself and my family which, in the climate created by the original article, they felt might be damaging to Wace." Mr Clegg said. He had therefore been left

with "little alternative but to resign" as managing director. More recently, as the original allegations faded. there had been suggestions that he was involved in "potentially unlawful dealings" in Parkway shares. "I wish to emphasise that

throughout the whole of my time at Wace I only ever acted for and in the interests of Wace and all its shareholders," Mr Clegg said.

"In particular, i have never acted on, or provided to others, any price-sensitive infor-mation, whether in connection with the Parkway acquisition or any other transac-tion," he added.

Mr Clegg said he had confirmed through his solicitors that he was happy to cooperate in enquiries by the Stock Exchange, the DTi "or any other relevant body".

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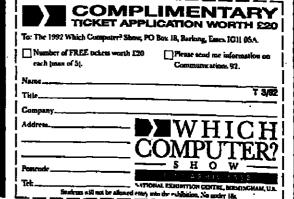
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Scots firms say home rule would hurt business

Companies demur on devolution

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

SCOTLAND'S financial community, which produces 15 per cent of the country's gross national product, does not believe devolution of any kind would benefit business, according to a survey by Scottish Financial Enterprise. Some believe they may be forced south of the border if a Scottish government imposed additional taxation.

SFE was set up in 1986 to promote the interests of the Scottish financial community. However, Professor Andrew Bain, who holds the chair of political economy at Glasgow University and carried out the survey, says the interests of businesses would not be served by a

separate Scottish parliament.
Of the 25 large financial institutions he interviewed, many believe devolution would damage their businesses by lead-

ing to:
☐ Increased business costs. Resentment among customers in Devolution being seen as a steppingstone to independence.

☐ A Scottish parliament being seen as more left-wing than that of the UK. A minority of those surveyed saw potential benefits from decentralisation and greater political autonomy in Scotland if a home government adopted policies to stimulate and retain entre-

preneurial activity in Scotland. The report says many Scottish financial institutions rely on markets outside Scotland. Scottish life assurance companies, among the country's biggest em-ployers, said they could not justify retaining Scottish headquarters if that imposed an added tax burden on their with-profits policy holders, 90 per cent

of whom live in England. There was agreement in the survey that higher rates of income tax would result in higher salary costs for busi-nesses. About half of those surveyed thought any tax differential, however small, would affect perceptions of Scotland's quality of life and would make it

If Scotland were to have a different

more difficult to recruit key staff.

investors. Financial companies fear that would lead to higher administrative costs, make Scottish institutions un-competitive in UK markets and cause

gime. Nor should other policy areas affecting business, such as employment law, be devolved.

be treated differently from other UK MAKE people to migrate south.

The UK must remain a single market for financial services, the survey said, while UK companies must be able to compete under the same regulatory re-

James Scott, executive director of SFE, said: "No one should doubt the importance of the financial sector to Scotland's economy: it now employs nine times as many people as traditional heavy industries."

Alick Rankin, chairman of SFE and of

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, said: "Leaders of our top financial industries have responded with a calm, balanced assessment of both the threats and the opportunities before them. Their view must be heard for Scotland's prosperity depends...on their confidence and their successful leadership." rate of personal tax from the rest of Britain, Scottish investors may have to

Family to sell 20% of Remy

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN PARIS

The proceeds of the share sale are to be used to reduce debts of almost Fr9 billion.

Remy Cointreau is one of

the world's five largest drinks

the world's five largest drinks groups and its product portfolio includes Remy Martin cognac, Cointreau liqueur, and champagne brands. Krug and Piper Heidsieck. The company also distributes Highland Distillers' The

The shares to be sold are treasury stock, which was cre-

ated after the merger of the

previous holding group with one of its subsidiaries. Under

French law, if a subsidiary

and its parent company merge, and, as a result, the

subsidiary owns a stake in the

parent, this stake automati-

cally converts into so-called

treasury stock, which does not carry voting rights until the stock is sold off.

Remy Cointreau's shares

are listed in Paris and Frank-

furt, and despite the appoint-ment of a British finance

house, the company does not

intend to have its shares listed

Last month, Grand Metro-politan decided to sell its 20

per cent stake in the Remy

Martin and the Cointreau

subsidiaries to the Remy

Cointreau holding group. The planned flotation of the

20 per cent stake, however is

not related to GrandMet's

share sale but to the internal

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THE family owners of Remy Cointreau are to relax their tight control of the French drinks company through the flotation or the direct share placing of 20 per cent of the equiry, in a move to raise Fr1.2 billion.

The Heriard Dubreuil family, which owns Orpar Remy Cointreau, the majority shareholder, has appointed BZW, the London broker, as adviser for the share sale. which is expected to go ahead within the next few weeks, although details have yet to be announced.

Orpar is fully owned by the family, although Highland Distillers, the Scotch whisky

Southdown slumps into loss

By LINDSAY COOK

THE Southdown Building Society made an after-tax loss of £8.1 million last year after provisions of £14.9 million for bad debis. Members of the society, based in Lewes, East Sussex, are voting on its merger with the Leeds Per-manent Building Society.

The Woolwich Building Society put up standby funding for the society last August when false rumours about it being linked with BCCI started a run on the Southdown. The proposed merger with the fifth largest society was announced in November and will not be affected by the loss. The Southdown made a pre-tax operating profit of £6.6 million compared with £7 mil-

lion for 1990. Savers will receive a bonus of 1 per cent of their savings on the merger going ahead in April and borrowers a 0.5 per cent reduction in interest for



Leslie Wise, the textile group where John Gowers is managing director, and which supplies the high street fashion chains, saw pre-tax profits fall from £4.97 million to £2.86 million on turnover of £40.5 million, down from £43.7 million. Earnings per share were 5.8p against 9.96p and the final dividend has been held at 2.25p, making a maintained total of 4p. Tempus, page 20

Top BP director to run C&W

By MARTIN BARROW

CABLE and Wireless has poached one of BP's most promising directors to fill the role of chief executive, vacant since the abrupt resignation of Gordon Owen last September.

The telecommunications group yesterday announced the appointment of James Ross, 53, effective from May He is currently chairman and chief executive of BP America, a position formerly held by Bob Horton, BP's current chairman.

Mr Ross was hailed as "an outstanding international manager of the highest calibre" by Lord Young of Graffham, chairman of Cable and Wireless, who said he expected to continue to adopt a "hands-on" approach to the job. "I will be looking at the woods and he will be looking at the trees," said the former rade secretary.

Lord Young said the ap-pointment of an Americanbased executive at a time when Cable and Wireless is reported to be keen to form a global alliance with American Telephone and Telegraph was "coincidental,"

The appointment of Mr Ross completes the boardroom shake-up that followed the resignation of Mr Owen years. Mr Owen played a key role in establish-

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ing Mercury to compete with British Telecom but was closely associated with Lord Sharp, the former chairman of Cable and Wireless, and failed to find favour in Lord Young's new regime.

For BP the departure of Mr Ross represents a substantial loss. He will be succeeded by Rodney Chase, currently chief executive of BP Exploration's western hemisphere

Other BP board changes announced yesterday include the appointment of Karen Horn as non-executive director. Dr Horn is chairman and chief executive officer of Bank One, Cleveland.

Virgin airline stake for sale

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

VOYAGER Travel Holdings, the parent company of Rich-ard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways, is seeking to raise at least £55 million by selling a 20 per cent stake to a foreign

Financial details of the group are being circulated by alomon Brothers, the American investment bank, and show that despite heavy "start up" costs at Heathrow airport, which plunged the air-line into a £3 million pre-tax loss in the year to last July. Voyager as a whole made profits of £775,000. Virgin would have made a £9 million loss had it not sold and leased back one of its seven Boeing 747 jets.

Senior officials of the group - which includes cargo and holidays as well as Virgin's scheduled air routes - are confident that there will be profits of around £6 million in the year to last October, a new financial year-end to be used in future. In the current year, they say, they will make "multi-millions" in profits.

A spokesman said the group was "very pleased" with the results, which showed it had successfully managed the switch from Garwick to Heathrow.

Mr Branson aims to expand his scheduled airline network. That will involve leasing several new aircraft to build on the routes Virgin now flies out of Heathrow. The airline began services from Heathrow last July, so all the costs of the switch from Gatwick were included in last year's figures, before the increased revenue began to flow through.

Mr Branson is also negotiating to sell his record com-pany for around £1 billion. He is said to be considering several attractive offers that would give overall financial control to another company but allow Virgin to continue management.

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BUSINESS ROUND OF

Bad debts slow Lloyds Abbey to £306m

LLOYDS Abbey Life, the life assurance subsidiary of Lloyds Bank, suffered a 4 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £306 million last year as bad debts from its finance house offshoor wiped out the growth in its life assurance business. The final dividend is held at 11p. Sir Simon Hornby, the new chairman, said: "We do not expect that trading conditions in 1992 will be much more favourable than those in the past

Black Horse Financial Services' pre-tax profits rose 34 per cent to £89.5 million, contrasting with stagnant profits of £143 million at Abbey Life. But it was offset by a 55 per cent slump in profits at Lloyds Bowmaker, where bad debts, particularly second mortgages, rose 51 per cent to £106 million. Black Horse Agencies fell to a loss of £1.2 million from a £8.1 million profit.

ECC in US takeover

ECC Group is to acquire the sand and gravel mineral reserves of Wait Flanagan & Company, of Denver, Colorado, as well as the business and fixed and mobile plant of Flanagan Readymix for \$20.5 million in cash. Flanagan is a leading producer of ready mixed concrete in the Denver area and is a long-standing customer of the Cooley Gravel Company. ECC's aggregate operation in Denver. The mineral assets acquired consist of 22 million tons of sand and employed the South Places Plane Valley which and gravel reserves in the South Platte River Valley, which will greatly strengthen Cooley Gravel's reserves. These reserves are in the vicinity of — and well placed to serve — the new hub airport and the development of the airport's

Quelle profit flat

QUELLE. Europe's largest mail-order house, expects 1991-QUELLE. Europe's largest mail-order house, expects 1991-2 distributable profit to remain flat at the previous year's DM 241 million. Klaus Mangold, management board chairman, said group sales jumped 16.7 per cent to DM 14.7 billion in the year to January 31. Sales in east Germany rose to DM 2.5 billion from DM 1.1 billion. Herr Mangold said he expected sales growth to slow this year. He announced that Quelle planned to strengthen its market position in both west and east Europe. It has already set up units in Czechoslovakia and Poland. The group is to be renamed Quelle Schickedanz AG & Co as the first step towards a listing on German stock exchanges.

Jos net assets tall

NET asset value at Jos Holdings, the investment trust, fell from 180.9p a share to 177.6p in the six months to the end of January, but compared with 150.9p at the end of January 1991. Net revenue declined from £224,793 to £185.812. Earnings were 2.01p a share, down from 2.43p. The bulk of the trust's income is earned in the second half. Investors were told that although the forthcoming results season may contain dividend cuts, the trust expects to maintain the total dividend distribution for the year. In the 12 months to the end of July 1991 total dividend was 5.05p a share.

Whitbread signs deal

WHITBREAD has signed a distribution deal for its supplies to the free trade in Scotland with Scottish & Newcastle, the Scottish Brewers subsidiary of which will supply Whitbread beers to both companies' free trade accounts. Whitbread has about 2.5 per cent of the Scottish free trade market, while S&N has more than 40 per cent. As part of the deal, loans Whitbread has made to customers in Scotland will be

Management unaware of cost implications

Banham fears firms are not ready for VAT switch

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT.

THE Confederation of British Industry is concerned that the full implications, including the heavy cost, of changes in value-added tax collection, to be introduced next January as part of the European single market, have not yet reached

top management in Britain. Sir John Banham, the CBI's director-general, voiced his organisation's fear about the lack of awareness of the transitional VAT regime at a conference in London

He gave warning that Brit-ish business would be unwise to wait until the legislation was enacted, as that would leave too little time for them to implement the wide-ranging changes to the existing

systems.
The VAT change will be introduced when border controls between the 12 members states of the European Community are swept away. An estimated 90,000 businesses will be affered.

The removal of border controls next January means that the usual border collection point for VAT and statistical information will be replaced by a new mechanism. In uture, companies will be required to keep track of goods' movements within the single market and build such information into their accounts. This data will form the basis of the information that must be supplied to Customs and

Excise.

Sir John said the change over would mean the wholesale reprogramming of computer systems in order to provide details of sales to each VAT-registered customer during the previous quarter throughout the Community. The new single market sys-

tem will run parallel to the current regime governing im-



Sir John: urging action

Community countries, which will remain unchanged.

Jeremy Moxon, of Lucas Industries, told the conference that large traders had only 12 months to go before they would be legally required to submit the "supplementary statistical declarations" demanded under the European directive. For firms only starting to consider the options, and even for those with some of the procedures in place. there was much work still to

He urged companies to set up project teams to liaise with the customs authorities and keep abreast of requirements as they are announced.

Such teams could also consider the effects on their companies' operations, educate staff and develop software to achieve a successful transition, he said. Richard Watson, partner at

Price Waterhouse, foresaw difficulties arising for transport companies and their cusomers in determining to whom VAT liability falls. He said: "In the vast majority of cases, this is going to be straightforward, but a minority will create confusion out of all proportion to their num-

Pilkington sells US offshoot

PILKINGTON, the international glass group currently in the process of disposing of non-core businesses, is raising \$40.25 million through the sale of Coburn Optical Industries, an optical machinery business in America. But the group has realfirmed its commitment to Visioncure, the American contact lens and spectacles business that comprises the rump of Pilkington's eyecare activities.

The buyer is a company controlled by Robert Jepson, of Savannah, Georgia, formerly chairman of the Jepson. Corporation. Coburn's sales last year were just under \$40 million, although the com-pany barely broke even. Coburn was part of the cyccare business acquired from Revion in 1987 for £361

million. Last May, when the planned sell-off was announced, analysis expected the business to command a premium to the then net asset value of \$50 million. However, the company yesterday expressed satisfaction with the final consideration.

In December, Pilkington said it was raising £100 million through the sale of its 48 per cent stake in Glass South Africa to Plate Glass and Shatterprofe Industries.

Redland picks holes in Steetley March 1990. Gerald Corbett, the

BY MARTIN WALLER

REDLAND, locked in an acrimonious E620 million takeover bid for Steetley, a fellow building materials supplier, has become embroiled in an esoteric dispute over the exact value of various holes in the ground in northern France.

The company has claimed that the actual worth of a substantial chunk of its target's quarrying assets, acquired with a key French acquisition in 1990 that brought with it total reserves of more than 150 million tonnes of sand. gravel and limestone, may rely on the goodwill of the French planning

authorities. The value of Steetley's assets is likely to form the main plank of its defence when this gets under way again later this month. Redland now claims that of those 150 million tonnes, fewer than 40 million tonnes have the necessary planning consents, a claim Steetley says is

irrel**e**vant.

Redland finance director, claims his own company was also negotiating to buy the business at that time, but at about half the price that Steetley was to pay. "Even £45 million for a business that made £1.4 million after-tax profit was a full price," he now claims.

The circular to shareholders in Steetley at the time mentions the estimated 150 million tonnes of reserves. The 1990 accounts subsequently revalued those reserves from a book value of £12.2 million to a "fair value" of £87.3

But the actual sale contract between Steetley and the vendors of Gobitta makes it clear that of these reserves, the vast majority still needed the necessary authorisation before the materials could be extracted. Moreover, the English and French language versions of that contract contain a significant

discrepancy.

In the French version, 75 per cent of the alluvial and chalk deposits, the larg-Steetley bought Gobitta, a building est element of the total aggregates reaggregates business based north-east of serves, are "a autoriser," or "to be Paris, for a total of Fr850 million in authorised", rather than "autorises".

That distinction does not appear in the English translation.

Richard Miles, the Steetley chief execrecutive, said Redland's claims were "bid rhetoric". The discrepancy in the con-tracts was a legal error and the lack of the necessary planning consents irrele-vant, as those reserves that did have it represented 15 years' worth of materials at present production rates. "You couldn't get 50 years' of sand and gravel reserves consented. The fact that you have those under your control is what it's about."

The asset revaluation in the accounts had been arrived at in the normal way by the directors, and he refused to say if Steetley's normal team of property advisers had been used or how it had been arrived at. The assets involved were next to each other and would cause no problems with the planning authorities when the time came to extract them.

City analysts said the distinction between proven reserves that can be extracted immediately and those that do not have planning permission is a significant one, especially given increasing environmental concerns.

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NUSINESS ROUND UP lebts slow Hoyd **Profit soars** V to £306m at Owners tour group

DEEP recession has failed to dent British enthusiasm for the package holiday. Owners Abroad, the second-largest tour operator, has doubled annual profits and reported exceptionally strong demand for winter and summer holi-

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In the 12 months to the end of October - a period that included the outbreak of the Gulf war, civil war in Yugo-slavia, rising British unem-ployment and a sharp increase in personal bankruptcies — Owners Abroad lifted pre-tax profits from £15.31 million to £31.63 million.

Despite a collapse in bookings in January and February during the Gulf war, the tour operating division sold a rec-ord 1.9 million holidays during the year, achieving prices up by an average of 7 per cent over the previous year. At the end of the financial year, bookings were 10 per cent ahead of budgeted levels when the company expected a decline in volume.

The pattern has continued this year. Winter bookings are 30 per cent higher, helped by good skiing conditions in Europe, with a higher pro-portion of holidays sold at full brochure price. Summer bookings are also buoyant. In January, bookings were 116 per cent higher than the previous January and 25 per cent ahead of January 1990. The company, which normally has negative cash flow in the first half, expects to be

cash positive all year.

A key factor in the strong performance was last year's collapse of International Leiday company, removing sur-plus capacity and enabling

Owners Abroad and the rival Airtours to achieve higher margins in an industry noted for cut-throat pricing policies. Howard Klein, chairman

of Owners Abroad, said: "A higher percentage of holidays were sold at full brochure price than ever before and very high load factors were again achieved, leading to very significant increases in profitability." Mr Klein dismissed the threat of another price war after the launch by Thomson Holidays of a Price-breaker brochure. "Talk of a price war was, in my view, entirely misplaced as I believe that the lessons have been well and truly learned and it is now the profit motive that is the principal driving force in this industry.

Some competitors had priced aggressively to capture early bookings at lower margins; Mr Klein said, but Owners Abroad had capitalised by being able to negotiate improved charter airline terms from its third party suppliers through the seat wholesaling division.

Earnings were 12.6p a share, against 8p after adjusting for last year's £29 million two-for-five rights issue. There is a final dividend of 2.2925p a share, increasing the total from 2.9p to 3.2p. The cost of dividend pay-ments has risen from £3.77 million to £7.49 million. The shares fell 1p to 119p.

After the rights issue, the company was cash positive from May onwards and held cash balances of £73 million at the year-end. Shareholders' funds were up 87 per cent to £70 million.

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By Martin Waller

GRUNER & Jahr, the publisher of Germany's Stern magazine, has agreed to buy a half-share in a newspaper group in eastern Berlin from the private interests of the late Robert Maxwell.

Gruner and Robert Maxwell Group, a Maxwell pri-vate firm, each have a 50 per cent holding in Berliner Verlag, publisher of Berliner Zeitung, Berliner Kurier and

several regional dailies.

Arthur Andersen, administrator to the Maxwell private companies, has agreed to sell the Maxwell half-stake to the German publisher, which is part of the giant Bertelsmann group. Terms were not

Gruner had first call on the shares under the original joint venture agreement with Maxwell.

Süddeutscher Verlag, a Munich-based group that publishes the Süddeutsche Zeitung, pulled out of talks to acquire the stake because the company did not want to inherit Maxwell's legal status

Bodycote buys US companies

By MARTIN BARROW

als Technology (IMT) and IMT Europe from America's National Forge Company. The total consideration is \$14.6 million.

There is a \$637,000 cash payment and the balance will be funded through a placing of 2.23 million new shares with institutions at 356p each. Yesterday's unchanged market price was 373p.

Bodycote has forecast pre-tax profits of not less than £11.25 million for 1991, against a reported £9.81 million in 1990. IMT and IMT Europe are engaged in hot isostatic pressing, a process that combines the application of heat and gas pressure to metal, glass and ceramic components to remove voids

and other defects.

In 1990 the companies earned combined profits of \$1.24 million before interest and tax, compared with \$675,000 in 1989. The acquisition is subject to share-holders' approval.

Former offshoot bids for Polymark

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

POLYMARK International. the laundry equipment group, has received a £9.7 million takeover bid from Polyfinance, its former French subsidiary, which was sold to a management team only 18 months ago. The deal is an agreed one.

Polyfinance UK, a wholly owned subsidiary of Polyfinance SA, is offering 37p in cash for each Polymark ordinary share and 164.5p for each A share. On the London Stock Exchange, the group's ordinary shares rose 2p to 36p and the A shares rose 32p to 163p. At the end of January, Polymark announced that an approach had been made. At that time, Polymark's share prices were

23.5p and 10op respectively. Polyfinance has received irrevocable undertakings from directors speaking for 0.23 per cent of the ordinary shares and 8.44 per cent of the A shares, conditional on no other offers being announced before 3 pm on

Polymark sold its French subsidiary for about £7 million in June 1990, to a team headed by Albert Beja, its chairman, who was backed by 3i. While the French business has gone from strength

to strength, with profits of FFr5 million on turnover of Fr150 million in the six months to end-September, Polymark's pre-tax profits fell 57 per cent to £402,000 in the six months to end-June.

Polymark says trading in the second half of last year was difficult with no signs of an upturn in demand. While the group's balance sheet remains satisfactory, trading performance has been disappointing.

Polyfinance says the acquisition of Polymark gives it an opportunity to expand its laundry business throughout Europe by creating a group with a presence in three important markets, France, Germany and Britain. In addition to laundry

equipment, Polyfinance distributes bicycles and cycle components, golfing equipment, tennis equipment and luxury designer items. It employs 150 people and says that, while a detailed review of Polymark will follow the acquisition, it has no immediate plans to dispose of any Polymark businesses.

Polymark is being advised by Close Brothers and the offer is being made by Société Générale Merchant Bank on behalf of Polyfinance UK.



Riding the recession: Howard Klein saw holiday bookings reach record levels

Brierley's offer for AustCon under fire

FROM BRIAN BUCHANAN

S1R Ron Briefley's GPG and Brierley Investments have launched a takeover bid for Australian Consolidated Investments that values the company at Aus\$140 million

(Eco million). Sir Ron is thought to be particularly interested in the 50 per cent stake that Aust-Con holds in National Brewing, formally Bond Brewing. However, the cash offer for the former Bell Resources, previously owned by Bond Corp and once the jewel in the crown of the late Robert Holmes à Court, came under immediate attack.

Adelaide Steamship, which has 20 per cent of AustCon, said the 23 cents-a-share offer was "far 100 low". The shares

closed yesterday at 24 cents. Colin Henson, the executive director of AustCon, said: 'Quite clearly the bid understates the worth of the com-pany as shown in its balance

Sir Ron and BIL have made the offer through Rossington Investments, a jointly owned shelf company, which has 16.81 per cent of

Sir Ron: options open AustCon's ordinary shares and 18.47 per cent of its preference shares. The preference shares can be converted into ordinary shares on a onefor-one basis.

The bid is conditional on AustCon not proceeding with, or allowing to proceed, an option agreement with Lion Nathan, a New Zealand brewer, in which AustCon's stake in National Brewing would go to Lion. The bid has brought on the early retirement of Geoff Hill, AustCon's chairman, who stepped down yesterday so that he can act as

the company's adviser. That should make for an interesting battle as Mr Hill squares up to Sir Ron, who has an international reputation as a corporate raider.

Lion Nathan has reacted angrily to the offer, giving warning of legal action if the bid causes it any loss. Douglas Myers, Lion's chief execu-tive, said AustCon shareholders had approved the call option and Lion had an absolute and binding contract with AustCon".

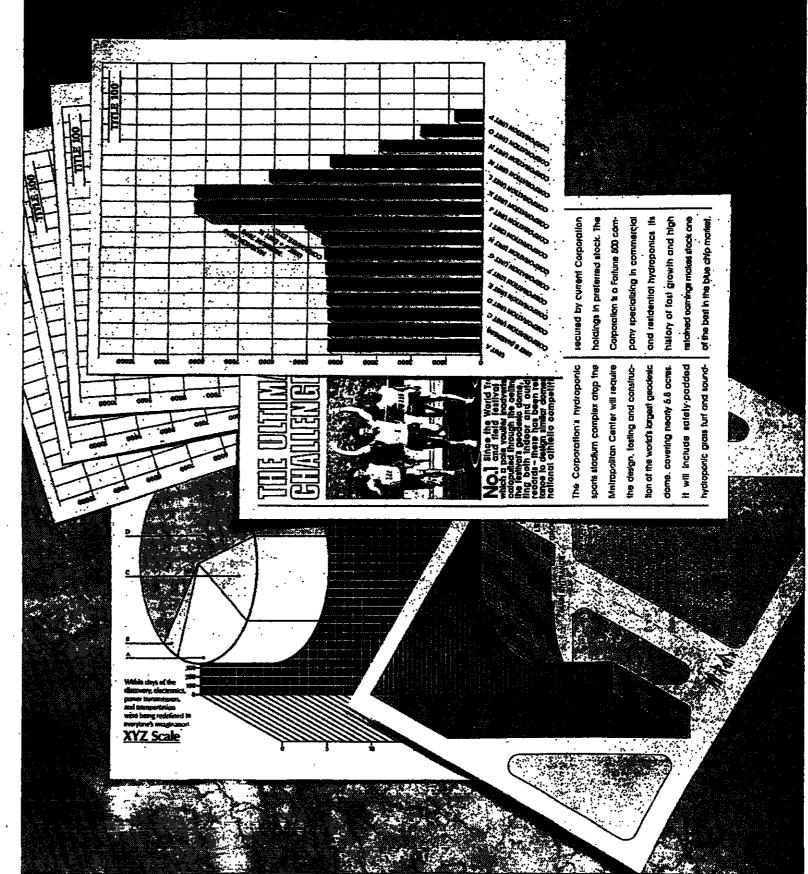
Other conditions of the bid were that the \$220 million flotation of the oil and gas royalty interest in the Bass Strait of Weeks Petroleum, AusiCon's subsidiary, would not go ahead, and there must be Foreign Investments Review Board approval and 90

per cent acceptances.

Sir Ron said his options were open because it was safer to start an offer with conditions in place, leaving the opportunity for these to be

amended or dropped. Another factor in the bid may be the millions of dollars in capital tax losses in AustCon on which an investment company such as GPG or BIL, could capitalise.

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THE POSSIBILITY MADE REALITY.

THE City has spent so long patting Lloyds Abbey Life (LAL) on the back that it came as rather a surprise yesterday when it blew a raspberry instead. Investors objected to the board's failure to increase the final dividend, and the cautious words from Sir Simon Hornby, the new chairman, about the coming year.

Analysts had predicted a modest increase in the final dividend, which instead remained static at 11p to make 17.3p for the year. The shares fell 12p to 378p. LAL's management had lit-

tle option but to hold the dividend. Distributable profits are only thought to cover the £120 million charge 1.1 times. Any rise would have suggested flagrant disregard for the economic uncertainties that lie ahead.

LAL's 1991 pre-tax profits contain their usual mix of sparkling performers and downright duffers, which produced an overall fall of 4 per cent to £306 million.

Black Horse Financial Services, the subsidiary that sells life assurance to Lloyds Bank customers, continues to live up to expectations. Pre-tax profits rose 34 per cent to £89.5 million. Black Horse has a sales force of 800 and hopes to eventually sell products to more than a third of Lloyds' customers. The growth was countered by stagnant profits of £143 million at Abbey Life, the traditional life subsidiary.

The worst results, however. were a 55 per cent decline in



Troubled trade: Sir Simon sees no radical improvement at Lloyds Abbey Life

profits to £22 million at Lloyds Bowmaker, the fi-nance house, where bad debts rose from £70 million to £106 million. The estate agencies suffered a £1.4 milloss (El2.7 million

In his summary, Sir Simon said trading conditions this year will not improve radically, implying that shareholders should not expect a meaningful rise in the dividend. The shares yield 6.1 per cent, much lower than the sector average, while they still command a

premium of more than twice the company's embedded value Expensive.

Owners Abroad OWNERS Abroad may be

forgiven for seeing the cur-rent recession through rose-tinted spectacles, for the more sombre the business climate, the more money people seem to be prepared to spend on their annual

The company has sold 90 per cent of its enlarged winter programme, a record,

without having to resort to the usual discounts, and summer bookings are 25 per cent higher than those in 1990, with last year being considered a freak because of

Early talk of a price war also appears unfounded. Last year, when interest rates were higher, average holiday prices rose 7 per cent. There is no evidence that Owners Abroad or its rivals are pre-pared to relinquish these gains to return to the kind of senseless price war thatcharacterised the industry in

the mid to late Eighties. Thus profits rose from £15.3 milmillion and earnings from 8p to 12.6p a share.

The collapse of Inter-national Leisure Group immediately after the Gulf war dramatically changed the fortunes of Owners Abroad, which in January last year contemplated its worst start to the year.

Instead of disaster, record demand and record profits resulted. A timely and well supported rights issue gave Owners Abroad the funds to take full advantage of a beneficial market.

By the year end, there was E70 million in the bank and the company expects to be cash-positive throughout the

Growth should continue this year, albeit at sustainable levels. Earnings of about 14.5p a share put the shares on a prospective multiple of just over eight.

Despite the rise from an adjusted 38.4p to 119p over one year, this is not the time to sell.

Leslie Wise

LESLIE Wise's fortunes are so closely linked to that of its customers, Burton, Etam and C&A, that the 40 per cent fall in profits for the year to end-November should hardly come as a surprise to shareholders. The City marked the shares up 7p to 65p in relief that the numbers were not worse

managing director, said last year was the worst trading year the company has ever faced. Pre-tax profits were £2.86 million (£4.97 million) on turnover of £40.5 million (£43.7 million). Earnings per share were 5.8p (9.96p) and the final dividend has been held at 2.25p, making a maintained total of 4p.

One of the group's strengths is its healthy balance sheet. It may be cash positive by the end of the current financial year and is rarely more than £1.5 million in debt. Exports were up 93 per cent last year, partly offsetting the 14 per cent decline in UK turnover.

There is some evidence that high street fashion chains are seeing a slight improvement in sales and Leslie Wise is experiencing a modest increase over the same period last year. Orders for the garment division for the next two months are up on the same period a year ago, but the retail fashion sector is expected to remain highly competitive for some

Analysts are expecting pre-tax profits of £3.5 million this year, putting the shares on a p/e ratio of 9.1 times earnings. The dividend is secure and they are currently yielding about 9.5 per cent gross. The shares suffer from the fact that 50 per cent are in the hands of the directors and their City following is small. Longer term, they look a good buy.

Sony forecasts first full-year operating loss

SONY Corpn has forecast that flagging domestic demand for its mainstay consumer electronics will force it into a loss of Y20 billion (£89 million) in the year to March 31 - its first operating loss for a full year.

Although Sony sees a loss for the parent company, it still expects to make an operating profit at the group level. Analysts said the parent company's poor performance reflected its massive research and development. "Sony is hugely based overseas and is not very good at a parent level," one analyst said.

The company is falling victim to Japan's rapidly slowing economy and the slump in consumer demand. it has been hit by the high value of the yen against the dollar and European currencies. The downturn appears to have ended the wave of success that the company rode into the Nineties. Sony increased

its revenues 2.5 times and profits 2.7 times in the five years to last March, with success driven by a series of fashionable products.

The lightweight camcorder that revolutionised personal video was the most recent, but it is the sort of product worst hit by a slowdown in consumer spending. Products that Sony has pinned its hopes on have not taken off as fast as expected.

However, few analysts expect the bad times to last and some thought the forecast unduly pessimistic, possibly a way of getting the bad news out of the way.

Boris Petersik, a technology analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities in Tokyo, said the second half of the next financial year was likely to see an upturn in Sony! fortunes, although it was still not clear when and by how much the Japanese economy would pick up.

New York — Blue chips drifted lower in the morning because of President Bush's poor showing in the New Hampshire primary but the losses were limited with a firmer bond market support-ing the market. The Dow Jones industrial average was 9 points lower at 3,215.73. ☐ Tokyo — Prices slumped

in quiet trading and the Nikkei index fell to a 1991-2 closing low. The Nikkei index dropped 253.73 points, or 1.22 per cent, to 20,618.30. Renewed fears about corporate earnings put pressure on prices, while investors kept a nervous eye on political devel-(Reuter) opments.

Big sellers send shares in BP to fresh low

"A TOOK MALKET"

BP has few friends in the City these days and this was mirrored in the share price. which slumped another 14p to a new low of 251 p. Several large lines of stock came on offer as more than 20 million shares changed hands and it seems now that even the American investors are avoiding BP after last week's slump in profits.

County NatWest Wood-Mac and a rival broker, Straus: Turnbull, both urged their clients on Monday to sell BP and switch to British Gas, 2p cheaper at 250p. Strauss is convinced that a cut in the dividend in the current year is likely. Other brokers are also starting to ake a similar line and it now looks as if further sell recommendations may be in the pipeline.

Sentiment was also affected by the news of the departure of James Ross, who heads BP's American operations. He was tipped as a future chairman of the group, but will now be joining Cable and Wireless. C&W's share were 12p stronger at 597p after recommendations from two brokers, James Capel and

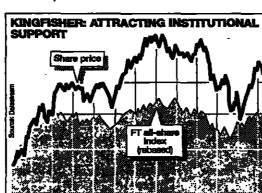
Warburg Securities. The rest of the sector remained unsettled as the oil

price continued to fall after Opec's attempts at reaching an agreement on production quotas. Hoare Govett, the broker, is unimpressed by the outlook for oil and has cut its forecast for Brent crude by \$2 to \$18 a barrel. Losses were suffered in Cairn Energy, 4p to 53p, Clyde Petroleum, 4p to 58p, Enterprise Oil, 13p to 392p, Goal Petroleum, 2p to 59p. Hardy Oil. 11p to 108p. Lasmo, 9p to 197p. and

Hoare Govert, the broker. positive about BAT industries, ip down at 653p. Next month's full-year figures should show pretax profits up from £963 million to El.05 billion. The tobacco side continues to grow, provisions at Eagle Star have ended and house repossessions slowed

Ranger Oil, 22p to 398p. Shell was a nervous market before its full-year figures today with the price losing 13p

The rest of the equity market was worried about the fall on Wall Street on Tuesday and the prospect of further selling when trading resumed yesterday after President Bush's poor showing in the



New Hampshire primary. However, it seemed that dealers' fears were misplaced as erage opened higher, en-abling prices in London to close above the bottom in thin trading. The FT-SE 100 index closed with a fall of 19.2 at 2,536.7, having been more than 25 points lower earlier. Persistent hopes of a cut in interest rates before the general election enabled government securities to make gains

of £18 at the longer end. Glaxo feli 2p to 826p before its interim figures today. Despite the fall in the price, analysts are forecasting another strong performance from the group. However, losses among American pharmaceuticals companies overits toll on British companies. There were falls for Fisons. Ilp to 373p. SmithKline Beecham A, 26p to 924 2p

British Aerospace jumped 30p to 303p despite the group plunging into the red

and Wellcome, 29p to

The latest retail sales figures, showing the first rise in months, gave only a minor boost to the stores sector with the experts forced to concede that the rise was due almost entirely to increased food

sales. There were gains for Argos. 1p to 284p, Boots, 2p to 465p, John Menzies, 2p to 403p, and WH Smith A. 5p to 462p. There were losses for Marks and Spencer, 6p to 318p, Ratners, 13p to 182p and Storchouse, 1p to 108p. The best performance of the day was from Kinglisher, up 8p at 531p, after a buy recommendation from UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, which prompted fresh institu-

There was little respite for the share price of Tiphook, the container and trailer rentals group, as it dropped another 6p to 310p, after touching 306p. still hold the advantage and they have now driven the year's peak of 587p.

tional support for the shares following their recent dull performance. The word is that the group gave a presentation last night for fund

Full-year figures from Lloyds Abbey Life, the life insurance business 60 per cent owned by Lloyds Bank, showed pre-tax profits sliding from £318.9 million to

blamed the setback on the non-insurance business, which had to contend with further bad debts at Lloyds Bowmaker and the slump in the property market hitting profits at the Black Horse agencies. The shares responded with a fall of 12p to

Lloyds Bank, reporting to-

morrow, fell 7p to 386p. Analysts are looking for an increase in full-year pre-tax profits from E591 million to £650 million. National Westminster, unveiling its figures next week, was 1p lighter at 288p. Standard Chartered improved 7p to 436p, and Bardays 3p to 383p, while 233p and Abbey National 2p to the good at 292p.

Full-year figures from Owners Abroad. Britain's econd-biggest package holidays operator, showed pretax profits more than doubled at E31.6 million.

Howard Klein, the chairman, said that margins had improved after the collapse of the International Leisure Group last year. But the improvement had been widely forecast and the price finished 3p lighter at 117p.

Bid to rescue HK arm of BCCI fails

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

THE Hone Kong subsidiary of Bank of Credit and Commerce International is to be liquidated after rescue efforts by Indonesia's Lippo group were thwarted by new claims on the collapsed bank.

Noel Gleeson, the govern-ment-appointed liquidator of Bank of Credit and Commerce Hong Kong, said a takeover bid by the Lippoowned Hong Kong Chinese Bank had failed. BCCHK would be wound up, giving depositors an ultimate payout of up to 75 per cent. The Hong Kong Chinese Bank

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had been negotiating a deal to enable small depositors to recover all their money. That came to nothing when the bank's partner in the takeover. Peking-backed China Resources Holdings. pulled out because of concern over BCCHK's rising unrecorded

BCCHK's balance sheet was stronger than that of BCCI as a whole, and Hong Kong banking authorities tried to mount a rescue. Mr Gleeson said he hoped to give depositors a 35 to 40

per cent payout soon after the bank was liquidated. BCCHK has deposits estimated to be worth HK\$4.5 billion (£331 million) lodged with Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Claims of more than HK\$2

billion from overseas liquidators and customers had emerged in recent weeks. Mr Gleeson said, and the guarantee of up to US\$25 million by BCCHK's ultimate owner, the Abu Dhabi government. was insufficient.

Mr Gleeson said the 47,000 BCCHK depositors would receive an interim payout of up to 40 per cent, including the relief payment of 25 per cent that they received last July. A total payout of up to 75 per cent could be

expected in the long term. "I am disappointed that the takeover negotiations have failed," he said. "but I have no doubt that the best inter ests of depositors and other creditors lie in liquidation."

MICHAEL CLARK Japan takes much of the blame for assault on free trade says Brittan

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

THE ideals of free trade are increasingly being assailed around the world and a good share of the blame rests squarely on Japan, says Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's competition commissioner.

Speaking at two separate venues, he said that both sluggish progress in free trade talks in the Uruguay Round and recent moves towards managed trade pose a threat to the world's free trade system. "My concern...is that the present international economic slowdown could lead to a potentially destructive political dynamic in the major economies," Sir Leon told a group of Japanese business

He encouraged Japan to continue reforms along a number of lines, but most were nothing new to business people here who are accustomed to foreign calls for market access.

The EC commisioner, who arrived here on Sunday for a six-day visit to meet government and business leaders. said that while slow economic growth may be behind part of a trend away from free trade. much of the blame could be traced to Japan.

"It is the phenomenal strength of the Japanese economy and the huge success of the Japanese export effort which is at the root of much of the present questioning of economic liberalism.



Plea for reforms: Sir Leon wants Japan to change

and deals such as the one

struck last month between

Japan and America on auto

After several days of hard

bargaining between Presi-

dent Bush and Kiichi

Miyazawa, the Japanese

prime minister, last month,

Japan's car industry said it

would boost purchases of car

parts to \$19 billion in the

fiscal year ending March 31.

told

mitment to multilateralism,

Sir Leon

In 1991. Japan had a cur-

was of particular concern to Sir Leon, who is an outspoken opponent of managed trade

rent account surplus of \$72.6 billion, more than double the figure for 1990. He said the solution to reducing the trade surplus lies in four key areas. including a wider dialogue with international partners, spreading the rewards of Japan's success with ordinary Japanese, and broader external investment.

A fourth area, greater com-

1990. In an interview on Tuesday, Sir Leon called that and similar deals a "bad idea" and discriminatory. Speaking at a press conference today, he said the EC had reserved the right to raise American-Japanese bilateral trade agreements at GATT

1995, from \$9 billion in fiscal

(the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade). He specifically pointed to Europe's interest in providing more satellite technology to Japan and also criticised the lack of opportunities for foreign lawyers here.

He said winning greater access for EC lawyers in Japan is certain to come up at high level meetings in the future and may be a topic at the world economic summit in July. Sir Leon also took note of the Uniquay Round of talks which has been delayed for years on disagreements over farm subsidies, noting that there is even a creeping fear in some quarters that the principal players are losing

Speaking to reporters, he defended the EC's approach to tackling trade problems with Japan and said that it has been evolving over about the last year.

specific trade targets, he said the EC is broadening its approach to discuss wider trade "Historically, Japan has

In addition to aiming for

not paid as much attention to Europe as it did America," he pointed out. "But the balance is changing now."

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Coal in search of a future

alcolm Edwards, British Coal's embattled commercial director, painted a bleak future for his industry before the Commons Energy committee. The scenario was not unfamiliar. In fact, it was broadly in line with the notorious Rothschild report prepared for British Coal as a possible view of the future if the industry is to survive as a stand-alone entity. This entails exposure to the full blast of foreign competition in the shape of cheap imported coal and a domestic scrap with gas via a new generation of super efficient stations operated by the regional electricity

Neil Clarke, Coal's chairman, has never publicly endorsed the Rothschild document as a realistic vision of a future coal industry. Mr Edwards, who under other circumstances and a Labour government might well have been doing Mr Clarke's job, certainly did that yesterday. The Edwards/Rothschild scenario raises questions for a government that seems bent on privatising the industry and implies that after closures of uneconomic pits, not much will be left to sell. Before proceeding too far down the privatisation route, the government should consider the assumptions of Rothschild and Mr Edwards and how to work them into the best energy policy for Britain.

The bleak prospect depends, as Mr Edwards noted before the committee, on the extent to which the electricity distributors are allowed to proceed with their plans for gas combined-cycle stations. There is a suspicion that some of these will produce power more expensively than the most efficient coalfired stations. The logic for the distributors is that these ventures, financed partly on an equity basis by themselves, are beyond the reach of price regulation. Higher cost power can be passed on to the consumer. Sweetheart contracts between distributors and their partly owned gas-fired generators could lead to generation on a basis not justified by costs. This would clearly distort demand for coal. To eliminate subsidies to coal, the industry must be reshaped. How this is done will affect not just the size of the coalfields but also the level of one of industry's key costs.

Realism at BAe

r Graham Day has stamped his image on British Aerospace. That image stands for harsh commercial realism, retrenchment and managing for cash in troubled times. The City took the message yesterday, marking BAe shares up 10 per cent on the enticing thought that they yield 11 per cent on a dividend that now has a much better chance of being maintained. On County NatWest's necessarily tentative 1992 forecast, upgraded to pre-tax profits of £225 million, it might even be covered by earnings.

If Sir Graham chooses a new chairman in his

own image, BAe will effectively be shorn of all the ambitions that once made it look like a romantic but undercapitalised rival to Daimler Benz. Part. of that realism will consist of selling much BAe's vast surplus property estate for cash rather than developing it through Arlington, the property group that was bought at the wrong time.

Also at stake are critical areas of British industry, such as the independent development of civil aircraft, where BAe' priorities will put it at a disadvantage in joint venture negotiations and could lead to ignominious and expensive closure. Rover, at least, seems to be benefiting from its earlier conversion to realism. The resulting BAe, basically a profitable but peace-tainted defence business, plus Airbus and cyclical motors, will be a. stronger but less exciting business.

Glaxo goes under observation for efficacy of long-term treatment

William Kay puts the future of Glaxo

under a microscope and finds it may need

stronger medicine to thrive in the Nineties

oday Sir Paul Girolami, the chairman of Glaxo, will present the pharmaceutical group's latest half-year results. He will receive the obligatory round of applause as he announces pre-tax profits of about £700 million, taking the group firmly on the path to another record year. But, for the first time in a long while, doubts are creeping in about Glaxo's ability to sustain its magisterial progress through the uncertainties of the

Since 1980, when Sir Paul be came chief executive. Glaxo's sales and profits have climbed from £618 million and £66 million respectively to what the analysis expect will be £4 billion and £1.4 billion for the year ending this June. This means that profit margins will have swollen from 10.7 per cent to 35 per cent, despite the steady devaluation of the dollar from near-parity with the pound to the present exchange rate of about \$1.80; 40 per cent of sales

went to North America last year. It is a remarkable performance, which has earned Glaxo the accolade of the largest market capitalisation on the London stock market - more than £24 billion, nearly £4 billion more than British Telecom and nearly as much as BP and British Gas combined. Although Sir Paul handed over the chief executive's reins to the American-born Ernest Mario three years ago, he is very much the architect of Glaxo's growth: Dr Mario's brief is

to carry on the good work. Sir Paul, who is aged 66 and comes from Venice, studied at the London School of Economics and trained as an accountant with what is now Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte. When he joined Glaxo 27 years ago. it was best known for baby food, while also selling products with a medical link, such as veterinary vaccine, surgical tables and prescription medicines that others had developed. Research and development was £25 million, a mere 4 per

cent of turnover.
"The group lacked a clear corporate purpose," Sir Paul recalled. "Its organisation and corporate structure were unsuitable to promote international expansion, and in fact presented many obstacles in the way of growth.

When he became chief executive, he stripped away the rest and committed the group to one theme: prescription medicine, backed by decentralised management, inter-national ambition, and a massive research and development programme designed to give Glaxo its own patent-protected portfolio.

The annual research and develop-ment spend is £620 million, or 15 per cent of sales, crowned by a forthcoming £500 million laboratober by an advisory committee of the



ry in Stevenage, Hertfordshire. "In the long term," Sir Paul said, "we exist by having new and better medicines. We establish targets and relate them to products, not just technical queries. It's a question of trusting the research guys, support-

ing them, not being arbitrary."
Once the men in white coats come up with a workable formula. though, the machines take over. To accelerate the process, research is commissioned on several aspects in parallel. Then the product is marketed simultaneously round the world, often at a premium price. That is how they succeeded with Zantac, the anti-ulcer drug that is the best-selling prescription medi-cine in history and accounts for half

the company's turnover.

A recent book on Glaxo, Matthew Lynn's . Billion-Dollar Battle, claims that some of the company's scientists chale at being so overtly marketing-led. But Sir Paul's strategy has nevertheless spawned a stream of winners, led by the mighty

Zantac. Now there are: ☐ Zofran, the vomit-blocker for cancer sufferers. First-half sales are believed to have soared from £13 million to more than £100 million. ☐ Serevant, successor to the longrunning Ventolin anti-asthma treatment. Sales are said to be about to take off as national approvals start to roll.

☐ Imigran, the migraine crusher that was recommended in NovemUS Food and Drug Administration. Analysts are also excited by a new family of drugs to combat anxiety. schizophrenia and memory deterio-ration. They may also help to ward off Alzheimer's disease.

So Glaxo's product portfolio is in robust health. Zantac faces an assault on its patent in three years. but supporters say the more important is a second patent not due to expire until 2002. "The single thing that will sustain a company like Glaxo is the quality of its technology." said Dr Mario.

But as Britain's homebuyers have discovered to their cost, nothing goes on rising for ever. Glaxo faces

HEALTHY PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

two main worries, both of which are feared just as much by its rivals: the deteriorization of the American economy and growing price-resistance by the world's health authorities.

No pharmaceutical company can ignore America. As Sir Paul said: "No other market was big enough to give the company the growth it needed. If we had not taken on that market and succeeded, then the group itself would not have succeeded and sooner or later we would have been swallowed up."

However, North America is succumbing to a recession that is beginning to look far worse than the United Kingdom's in some regions.

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Drugs companies have been protected by the fact that a patient's main concern is to be cured, and anyway insurance covers the cost. But when times are hard, more people are tempted to clip or even kill their medical cover. And, if the dollar continues to weaken, Glaxo's receipts will suffer a real problam.

In other countries, the danger is of health authority budgets being squeezed by hard-pressed govern-ments, including the United Kingdom's. Glaxo's success is built on doctors' widespread premise that the dearer a medicine, the better it must be. Indeed, in Asia many doctors earn commission from drug sales. But there are signs that pur-chasing managers are digging their heels in. This may be no more than a temporary difficulty — and one that. as one of the most efficient produc-

ers, Glaxo could even benefit from. Dr Mario's priority is to steer the company through these obstacles, preferably by pulling out of the hat another miracle drug at which no one will jib at paying top prices.

But James Culverwell and Nigel Barnes of Hoare Govert, two of the leading United Kingdom pharmaceuticals analysis, have signalled their concern by downgrading the shares from a buy to a hold. "An overweight position in Glaxo seems inappropriate at this stage in the economic cycle," they judge.

Sir Paul and Dr Mario will be

hoping that remains strictly a mi-

Virgin's Alma Mater

RICHARD Branson's early

days have finally caught up

with him. Richard Vickers, his prep school headmaster, aged 75, and now retired, this week publishes Nearly a Century, charting the history of Scatteliffe School, Surrey. According to Vickers, Branson's academic record was not exceptional. "He was a natural games player, a keen ery exuberent personality. He was, I recall, quite a mischievous boy. The cane was applied in those days and I am certain he had the stick on a number of occasions. At the age of 12 he badly injured his knee in a first XI football match against St George's School. Windsor - so badly that he never played games again. He was not at all clever and needed some tutoring but eventually he got into Siowe. At that stage he was very frustrated because he could not play games so the headmaster very sensibly gave him the job of helping to edit a magazine. I think that probably started his career. I think he inherits his enormous energy through the female line. His grandmother was a friend of my mother's and she is still twinkling away in her nineties. His mother was an air hostess and a very gu-ahead sort of person. His father was a much more easygoing sort". Despite the occasional caning, Branson's own memories of Scaitcliffe are very happy. In a letter, which is aggreed in the book, he says: "It was the only part of my

enjoyed.



Tiny's last round THE City has been saddened and gladdened to hear about the death of Bazeley George Turpin, known variously as Dick and, because of his small stature as a youth, as Tiny. Saddened because of his sudden passing, at the age of 68, but gladdened because it happened on the 18th hole of a golf course. "He took a keen interest in sports, especially football and golf. He was a founder member of the Stock Exchange Veterans Society, and his passing on the 18th hole of a golf course could hardly have been more fitting," says Nick Beaver, who worked with him at Teather & Greenwood for the past five years. "He was of the old 'My word is my bond' school." Turpin, who leaves a wife, Dorothy, a daughter and two sons, both of whom also work for Teather & Greenwood, was on holiday in Spain at the time. His City career began at Mitton Butler, were he spent 29 years, and still worked full time. His funeral is at St John's Church, Buckhurst Hill. Esschooling that I really

sex. 12 noon tomorrow.

Culture shock THE success and stability of

Grand Metropolitan has

brought about the resigna-

tion of Tim Halford, its long-

time PR man, Halford says

the culture is no longer right for him, nor he for the culture. He will depart "by mutual agreement" at the end of March, after eight years with the company during which he has served both Sir Stanley Grinstead and Sir Allen Sheppard and the search is on for a successor. Halford, who celebrated his 45th birthday yesterday, was formerly PR adviser to the late Armand Hammer for 10 years. Married with three children, aged 20, 18 and 16, he has no clear idea what he will do next. Although PR is most likely, he also has a proven track record as an entrepreneur. A childrens' holiday company he started in his spare time with two friends was bought by Granada and now, with those same partners, he operates Crechendo. which provides gym facilities for children at London venues. He is also involved in a thespian project with Terry Jones, of Monty Python fame. to turn Garganiua and Pantagrael, the novel by the 15th century French doctor, lawyer and priest François Rabelais, into a medieval spectacular for the West End stage.

A WOMAN rang the electricity board in Wellington when the New Zealand capital was hit by a power failure, asking what she should do. The voice at the other end advised: "Open vour freezer. Take out the ice cream. Eat it.

BUSINESS LETTERS

End of the recession in sight

From Mr John Ormiston Sir. We are a very small and a

very old established company, manufacturing speciality wires in many metals and many form's to a great number of different trades and industries in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The value of our order book, in common with most other manufacturing indus-tries, fell to a record low in November last year.

Since December and in January and February, it has risen slowly but surely to the same level of orders on hand that it was in June 1990. We are aware that many com-

panies cut their stocks down to a minimum, very wisely, over the last 18 months and it is now apparent to us that they are replenishing their stocks in view of the orders they are receiving.

Surely this is the beginning of the end of the recession, at least as far as we, and many other small manufacturers. are concerned. Yours faithfully

JOHN ORMISTON (Chairman), Ormiston Wire Ltd. 1 Fleming Way, Womon Road,

Training patterns From Mr Derek Drake

Sir. The question of training generally and budget cuts can quite easily be overcome if the government followed the examples of Australia and France.

in these countries the equivalent of corporation tax is levelled at a certain percentage. One per cent of that can be deducted and spent on training and if companies do not do so then they have to pay the original level of tax. Michael Heseltine advocat-

ed the same policy on the runup to the leadership ballot but the government consistently refuses to consider this. Yours faithfully.

DEREK E. DRAKE MITD. 4 Whitchurch Avenue. Bruadstone, Dorset,

Backing Britain From Mr.D.C. Hedley

Sir. How I respect and admire Mr Roy Jenkins, His letter (February 12) emphasising his CAROLLEONARD pride in being British was

music to my ears, 1, too, extol the virtues of everything British. I. too, have always bought British cars. I. too, fought for six years to liberate Europe 50 years ago. Sadiy, what do many of our countrymen and women do now? Buy foreign goods when equivalent British goods are available! I wouldn't advocate that official government policy be isolationism and protectionism (wouldn't be cricket would in but surely our pride and loyalty could be swayed towards buying British by politicians persuasions (verbal or by declared example) so that our country's industries and employment are where they should be - at the top of the league. Trade unionists and management associations should similarly advocate the "British" policy.

The association in question should be re-named "Institute of Management for the British" and their policies and energies should be directed accordingly.

Yours faithfully. D.C. HEDLEY. 40 Hanford Road. Darlington. Co Durham.

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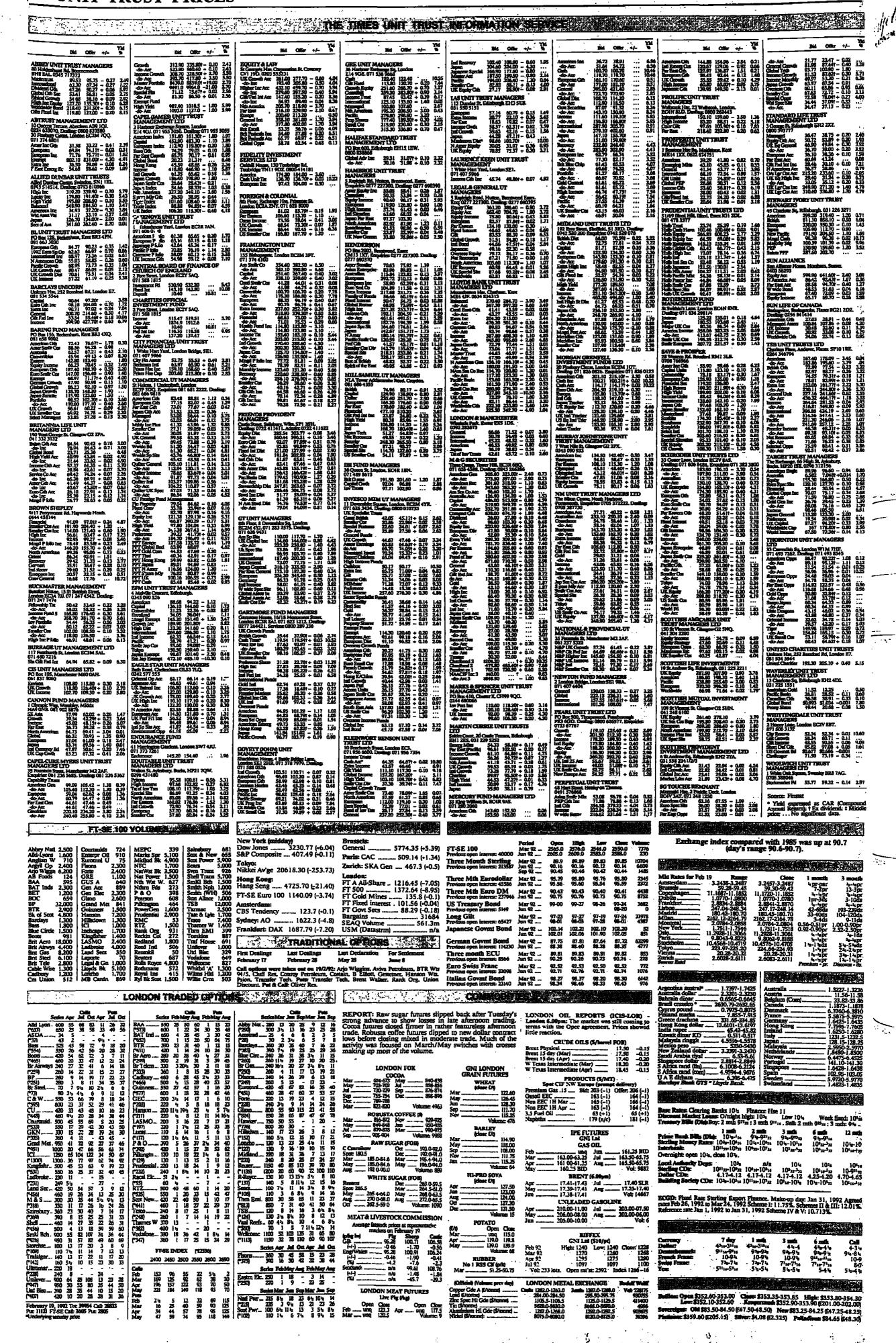
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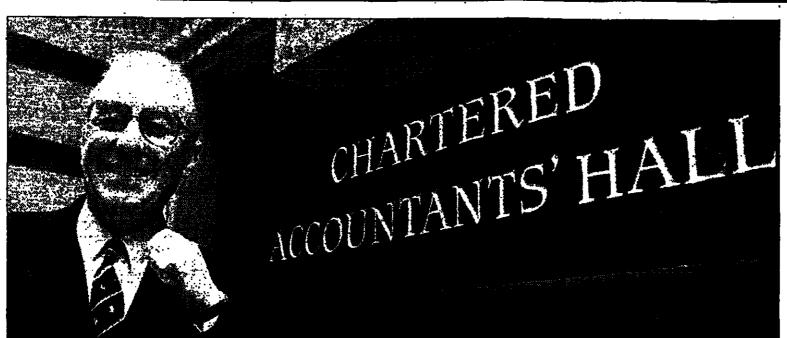
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ACCOUNTANCY TIMES



"The effects of redundancy cannot be overstated": Ian McNeil says job clubs can offer a sympathetic approach and practical help

Guidance in the quest for work

Ian McNeil looks at the changing job market and

suggests redundant accountants should 'join the club'

ntil recent months, "redundant chartered accountant would have sounded like an oxymoron on a par with "Lebanese government and "British Rail sleeper". However, chartered accountants, whose qualification has been perceived as a guarantee of employment, are suffering along with many other professionals. The current recession, as well as causing management job losses in those industries more traditionally vulnerable, has penetrated deeply into the commercial sectors, including financial services, and even the chartered accountants' domain, public practice.

Estimates of the numbers of unemployed chartered accountants have been put at 2,500 to 3,000. This includes a considerable number of newly qualified members who, until 1990, were snapped up in the job market. At the other end, senior company directors and partners in practice, who had every right to feel they had a job and financial security for life, are, for the first time, finding that their "services are no

longer required". The potential effects of redundancy on an individual cannot be overstated. It can be traumatic. Initial intensement and rejection are quite usual, followed by a loss of self-esteem and deflation, leading, sometimes, to despondency and depression. It is hardly surprising that job loss ranks highly as a personal stress experience, particu-larly if coupled with a period of financial difficulty. This at a time when the individuals concerned need to marshal their thoughts and channel their energies into the considerable efforts needed to find a

new position. Job search is a job in itself, which, for most, requires a knowledge and ex-

pertise that many don't pos-

sess naturally. About one in five redundant accountants are fortunate enough to be given professional "out-placement" assistance from a career counselling firm paid for by their last employer. Of the rest, a small number purchase the same services from their own funds, but, for quality assistance with continuing support, the costs are high.

In response to this situation, the Institute of Char-tered Accountants in England and Wales has channelled extra resources into Chartac Recruitment, its free counselling and appointments service, in order to expand its activities and mount new initiatives to provide unemployed members with the guidance, information and support they require. How is this done? First,

Chartae Recruitment's consultants are there as an immediate contact point, as "someone to turn to". They provide a sympathetic and underual situations, with a realistic and practical knowledge of the recruitment market and requirements of job search. They can often give answers to immediate queries, such as termination arrangements and alternative offers. At individual meetings, our consultants can offer advice on selfassessment, the direction in which experience can be applied, and other possibilities, such as self-employment. To back up this service.

Chartac Recruitment has prepared a range of booklets and information sheets, ranging

from matters such as CV presentation and interview technique to job sources and preparation of approach letters. For newly qualified members who, in these leaner times, require specific career advice to complement their job search, seminars are held at about the time the institute's final examinations results are published. For all unemployed mem-

bers we have been arranging seminars regularly at venues around the country. These cover the basic requirements and techniques needed in effective job search. An interactive approach with participants is encouraged, so that individuals' needs and experiences can be shared.

hrough all the advice provided, our consultants place particular emphasis on the need for members to realise that, through a professional self-marketing exercise, they will need to identify, and often "create", opportuwhere appropriate, by under-taking direct approaches to potential employers.

All that is invaluable, but how is morale and motivation maintained over what, for most, will be many months of unemployment? One partial answer is the establishment of job clubs. Chartac Recruitment, in conjunction with the institute's district societies network, is establishing venues throughout the country where members can meet

regularly to exchange ideas and information.

The psychological fact of "I'm not alone" is a boost in itself. Getting away from the feeling of isolation and gaining and giving support are important, bearing in mind that "quick" success (applicable to about 30 per cent) in finding a job is three to six months. Of the 1,000 members of Chartac Recruitment's appointment register at present, about 20 per cent have been unemployed for more than 12 months.

The format of a job club is that each member joining will either through a meeting with a Chartac Recruitment consultant or by attending a seminar, have gained an un-derstanding of the require-ments of their job search. The job club, which is chaired by one of the participants, provides a forum for mutual help, support and advice. For example, specific sessions have been held constructively

criticising each other's CVs. Useful information is often imparted by way of snippets: a recent example was a member able to provide an insight and the type of background short-listed for an advertised post of bursar (a position that appeals to many). One member found a position through a fellow "job clubber" providing a dient contact relevant to her expertise. Another was able to encourage others by reporting that he had received two interview offers from a batch of about 500 letters he wrote between March and August last year.

The London job dub was

the source of one particularly positive initiative. Forming a consortium under the name "Accountants Direct", they are actively marketing themselves for temporary assignments through an extensively mailed bulletin summarising their individual backgrounds and experience. All the members have contributed to the development of the proposal, including establishing the client database. The "sense of purpose" of this exercise has

proved an excellent stimulus. With job clubs now being established in various parts of the country, such ideas can be exchanged and improved on by Chartac Recruitment, acting as a clearing house and catalyst.

All this assistance is provided free for members. In 1992, the road to employment is expected to continue to be long and hard, but at least temporarily redundant chartered accountants can join

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Running scared of complex rules

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FOR SOME reason, analysis are wary of accounting rules. They are happy to put out sector is in a dreadful state and the fashion is umpteen research documents describing what companies have told them at recent meetings and spice this up with their own views or statistics. But it is rare to find a research document that takes the published figures and argues that the accounting rules have been flouted or that the rules are, perhaps, wrong and produce misleading

So when the news came through the grapevine that Barclays de Zoete Wedd had produced a research document on precisely this topic, there was great excitement. Sadly, as we now know, the result was the dampest

What BZW did was produce a report that took two of the proposed new standards from the Accounting Standards Board — on the presentation of the profit and loss account and on accounting for

financial instruments - and assessed what effect they would have on the accounts of five companies: British Airways. Fisons, Ladbroke, P&O and Cable and Wireless. The result, as you might expect, was critical, and the report was withdrawn. The problem, as BZW put it, was that "some comments in that report were capable of misunderstanding and that this "may have given rise to an inaccurate perception of the financial position of these companies". This is sad. Companies need more analysis and need to be kept on their toes. With a new financial reporting regime flexing its

muscles, it would help com-

panies as much as their shareholders and the regulators to focus clearly on the issues involved. The sadness is that debacles such as the BZW effort will discourage other analysis from producing the required research.

The last remotely comparable piece of work appeared a year ago. UBS Phillips and Drew produced a research paper, Accounting For Growth. This reviewed ten years of what was euphemistically called "accounting innovation". It detailed the ways in which an alliance of fund managers and bonus and share option-driven managements kept the growth coming.

"The answer that many came across," it said, "involved complex accounting procedures which allowed the all-important earnings per share growth to be reported while retaining a clean audit report." It went on to detail the accounting tricks and finished off on a moralistic note, which explained that "the name of the game is making sure that your funds are not invested in the next accounting nightmare".

This, presumably, was also what BZW had in mind when it planned its abortive report. The problem is that high-flown stuff sector is in a dreadful state and the fashion is for hair shirts all round. What is forgotten is that back in the mid-Eighties, the word in the City was that if companies were not using appropriately fancy footwork in the accounting policy field then their share prices would be marked down accordingly.

With some luck and a strong regulatory framework, it may well be that come the next boom, if it ever materialises, analysts will cry out that some companies are pushing their accounting "innovations" to the limit and should be avoided. Somehow, though, I doubt it.

What is needed is a much greater depth of understanding by analysts of what is involved. It is a topic that is not much discussed. Certainly, the large audit firms believe that their strength in keeping wayward clients in line would be much

helped if analysis paid more attention to how the accounting policies and their changes after the perception rather than the reality of a company's performance. Ten years ago, a reasearch study appeared en-titled The Institutional In-vestor and Financial Information. It was written by Tom Lee and David Tweedie, then-stalwarts of the Edinburgh accounting community. The irony is that this same Tweedie is now the man in charge of the Accounting Standards Board. whose new rules were at the root of the BZW report. The book was the second that Lee and Tweedie had written. The first had dealt with how far private shareholders understood published financial information. The conclusion to that book

could be summed up simply as "not a lot". The study of institutional investors might, however, have been expected to come up with a more heartening message. It did not. It concluded: "In relation to traditional reporting practice, the overall levels of understanding were not as high as might have been expected from financial experts. Accounting terminology and financial ratios were particularly disappointing in that respect. Respondents' answers, despite prompting by the interviewers, were characterised by vagueness, with a sizeable

topics concerned."

It would be good to think that in the intervening ten years everything has changed. But as long as analysis produce hardly any reports on financial reporting practices, or withdraw them as soon as companies bark back, then it would be safe to assume that levels of understanding are not exactly high.

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poor or no understanding of many of the

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Fines pose fresh threat to firms

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE £100,000 fine imposed on partners of the former Arthur Young by the accountancy profession's disciplinary system may seem to pose a new financial threat to accountancy firms already facing enormous civil claims when they are involved in companies that go

wrong.

The case was, however, somewhat unusual. It followed a trade and industry department inspectors' report into Milbury, one of the companies formerly controlled by Jim Raper, which was critical not only of auditors but also. more damningly, a wide range of City worthies from the Stock Exchange to the Takeover Panel that were not sub-

ject to professional peril. The report virtually obliged the Institute of Chartered Accountants to take action by referring all members criti-cised to the executive of the joint disciplinary scheme. As it happens, the chartered accountant in that two-man team of inspectors was Michael Lickiss. who by the time the enquiry got into full swing, had become president of the institute. This did not, however, influence the enquiry away from clearing

Arthur Young of some of his complaints and clearing some individuals criticised in the inspectors' report of any profes-sional blame.

The judgments held other curiosities. The enquiry cleared the two audit partners directly concerned from any professional blame while upholding com-plaints against their firm, mainly, it seems, because the two followed the firm's procedures and consulted their partners. This will surely carry a message for all auditors who have partners to consult

Arthur Young must also pay £40,000 towards the enquiry's £200,000 costs. Since none of the six individuals also investigated was asked to contribute. the joint disciplinary scheme will be a net £60,000 out of pocket. The fine is the highest ever.

That does not mean much, however, because committees of enquiry were only empowered to fine firms, as op-posed to individual chartered accountants, from 1989 on cases referred thereafter. The Milbury case was one of

Overall, the £140,000 charged to Ar-

thur Young partners pales before the £273,000 charged to Price Waterhouse five years ago over affairs of the former Bryanston Finance, an enquiry that. likewise, followed a trade and industry department inspectors' report. That was all described as a contribution to fees, including the costs of appeal. The Arthur Young partners judiciously decided not to go ahead with an appeal, though they had given formal notice of

The power of precedent in this case may, however, be limited because the disciplinary system is due to change again soon. Under the new proposals. which have been generally welcomed and will soon be sent out for approval. the inquisitorial enquiry will disappear. A legal officer will be appointed to conduct investigations, somewhat in the manner of the Serious Fraud Office.

and prepare charges to be sent to a tribunal to pass judgment. This could affect the level of fines. Senior partners may, therefore, view with mixed feelings the possibility that the new prosecutor may have no better success rate than

Flawed office?

THE Serious Fraud Office may be coming in for a lot of criticism, but help is at hand. It has decided training is needed and has received authorisation to train chartered accountants under the training outside public practice scheme. Only seven other organisations in the country have been approved. Phil Armitage, director of educa-tion and training, says the ICA's standards are high. "I imagine that the SFO's trainces will be exposed to a very rich and varied experience." he adds. "The SFO has satisfied our guidelines and we are confident that the experience they offer will be very good." So, will there now be trainee sleuths pursuing a

paper trail across the City of London? Perhaps bringing some naive minds into detective work may be more productive than the exhaustively subtle brains they've got working there now.



Media mania

ACCOUNTANTS have al-

ways been rather ambivalent about recruiting graduates who have done nothing but accountancy during their time at university. but that doesn't stop people applying for the courses. According to figures from The Universities Central Council on Admissions, the number of applicants for accountancy courses this autumn has increased more than 10 per cent. Whilst university applications are up all round, this is a greater increase than any of the comparable professions. Perhaps the most significant figure is media studies, which rose 67 per cent. No doubt many of these students will

subsequently enter accountancy, and given the amount of media attention accountants are getting these days. that is probably just as well.

Legal hitch

ALTHOUGH accountants going to work for lawyers has always seemed like a minor form of treason. Colin Wardale, formerly with Arthur Andersen, claims he feels comfortable in his new job at Addleshaw Sons & Latham, the Manchester law firm. So, can accountants learn anything from lawyers? Mr Wardale would not admit any deficiency in his native profession, but conceded that accountants might have something to learn when it came to "attention to detail". With Andersens still concerned with De Lorean, that may be a shrewd observation.

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World Cup holders embarrassed

Border troubled by the state of Australian attack

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

ENGLAND'S World Cup ambitions were further nourished yesterday by an unusual show of Australian self-doubt. Three days before they open their defence of the cup in Auckland, the Australians have begun to wonder if they are quite ready for it all.

It seemed fitting that Allan Border had just disembarked from a frigate carrying guided missiles when he began speaking of his bowlers' sense of direction in disparaging

Border broke off from a day devoted to photo-calls, flagwaving and briefings for the entire World Cup cast to voice his concerns. The subject was the previous day's warm-up match, in which New South Wales would have beaten an embarrassed national team but for losing three wickets to the last three balls of the game with the scores tied.

The traditions of this newspaper prevent repetition of the exact phrase used by the Australian captain to describe the bowling which led to this remarkable tie. Suffice it to say he was blunt about the standard and that his remarks, by inference, were directed more at Craig McDermott, Mery Hughes and Mike Whitney than at

Sydney: England's success in

New Zealand has seen them

being heavily backed in Aus-

tralia to win the World Cup.

From 8-1, their odds have

been cut by bookmakers here

to 7-2 second favourites, be-

hind Australia, after their 2-0

success in the three-match

Test series and 3-0 whitewash

of New Zealand in one-day

The loss of their fast bowler.

Waqar Younis, with a back

injury, has led to Pakistan's odds drifting to 9-2, while

West Indies, twice World Cup

winners, are 11-2. India are

9-1, South Africa 12-1, New

Zealand 20-1, Sri Lanka 100-

England's opening match

is against India in Perth on

Saturday, and India will not

be in the best of spirits, ac-

cording to their captain, Mo-

hammad Azharuddin. His

squad has been in Australia

for three months, playing a

live-match Test series, the tri-

angular World Series compe-

internationals.

TOMORROW

The Times presents a full guide to the World Cup. Alan Lee, John Woodcock and Peter Roebuck set the scene for the tournament, while a team-by-team guide is accompanied by fixtures, averages and statistics

Bruce Reid, whose figures of four for 37 were a solitary comfort.

Each of the other three fast bowlers conceded more than 60 runs, and while McDermott had the excuse of returning from a virus, the destruction of their main attacking bowlers, even by fellow Australians, came as an unpleasant surprise to Border.

"It reminded us that we haven't played any one-day cricket for a month," he said. "We need to focus our minds again. Generally we were just too sloppy, but it was a useful workout in that it showed us what work we still need to

Border had initially expressed reservations about the plan to play a final warmup game tomorrow, against Auckland, only 24 hours before the opening World Cup fixture. Now, however, he concedes it will be valuable 'to complete the fine-tuning''. As he starts his fourth

tition and World Cup warm-

up games, and is now suf-

fering from frustration and

Azharuddin said India had

made a mistake by staying in

Australia rather than making

a brief return home. "The

tour has now been going

three months," he said, "It's a

long time, the longest tour

homesickness.

i've ever been on."

World Cup — only Imran Khan and Javed Miandad, of Pakistan, will have played five - Border seems once more to have shelved thoughts of retirement

A year ago, he was talking uncertainly of his future but now, at 36, he seems as enthusiastic as ever. Bob Simpson, the team manager, said: "I don't know how long he will go on, but you can certainly expect to see him in England again in 1993. He wasn't making many runs last year, which coloured his judgment, but now that he is batting well again I see no reason for him to think of stopping. He still enjoys it and he is still good for the

After a publicity trip around Sydney harbour, Border and his eight rival captains lined up before a huge media contingent and heard Malcolm Gray, joint chairman of the World Cup committee, announce that the competition was already a guaranteed financial success.

We are ahead of our budget on ticket sales." Gray said. "but it should not be assumed that there will necessarily be any substantial profits. Direct costs of more than \$Aus 10 million (£4.3 million) have now been covered and when everything is totted up there might be a little bit over

Odds shorten on England West Indies, who surpris-

fit and was "no certainty" to

play in all eight of his team's

Crowe injured his right

knee during New Zealand's

final one-day international against England last week.

and has also been suffering

opening match of the tourna-

ment, against Australia in

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awarded Robert Bailey a ben-

Auckland on Saturday.

efit in 1993. (Agencies)

first-round matches.

from dizzy spells.

year contract.

last August and also in the Champions Trophy in Berlin in September. Pakistan themselves will strive for a rousing start before a vast ingly failed to qualify for the World Series final, returned home crowd. Their attack is to the Caribbean to regroup led by Shahbaz Ahmed, one of the fastest and most skilful before returning for the inside forwards in the world World Cup.
Meanwhile, the New Zea-Six matches in increasing heat and humidity during the land captain, Martin Crowe, said he was only 50 per cent

week-long tournament will severely test the physical powers of the British team. A medal from this punishing tournament has eluded them since 1985, when the silver was secured in Perth, Australia.

Since then, the results have been depressing, but, after Crowe said the injury was finishing last at Lahore in hampering his running, but he would definitely play in the 1988, Britain went on to win the Olympic gold medal in Seoul. After a rest tomorrow, Britain will face Germany on Saturday and Australia on ☐ Chris Cowdrey, who was released by Kent last year, has

GRIEAT BRITAIN (probable): S Rowlands (Havant): S Martin (Holywood 27). P Bolland (Hourslow), J Potter (Hourslow). J Lastett (East Constead), M Crimley (Hourslow). D Williams (Havant), R Garda (Fasant), S Kerly (Carlesbury), R Citt (East Grinstead, capitan), J Lee (East Carresbury).

HOCKEY

Pakistan present daunting opener

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN KARACHI

GREAT Britain begin another period of evaluation and assessment here today with a formidable test against Pakistan in their opening match in the Champions Trophy tournament.

There appears to be no problem about the choice of defenders and half backs, but the forward line leaves room for speculation. Sean Kerly's experience makes him an automatic choice at centre forward, but the question of where Robert Thompson will play has to be answered. The choice lies between outside left or using him as a tactical substitute later for Kerly. Jason Lee seems a suitable choice at outside left and Williams will probably start at outside right, leaving



Sir, I was interested to read (February 14) that cricket

might be considered for inclusion in the Common-Kerly: experienced wealth Games. Considering Mayer with the chance of rethe drawbacks to this proposplacing him as a substitute. al which were mentioned, Britain face a daunting task against Pakistan, who such as the availability of players and the fact that beat them twice in England cricket competitions already proliferate, why not include a tournament for women rather than yet another for men? Women's cricket already holds a European Cup and a Commonwealth competition would seem a natural corollary. It would give the wom-en's game a higher profile and would go some way to redressing the automatic nu-

merical bias in favour of men's events at all multisports contests. Play on words

From Mr S. Hugh-Iones Sir, The compiler of the Guinness Book of Curious Phrases seeks a term for the taking of four wickets in four halls (Sports Letters, February 13): I suggest a "howard" or

maybe a "fillip". No doubt there are grander claimants. but since it is from The Times that help is sought, let us honour your linguistic colum-. nist, whom I saw perform this feat 40 years ago. And three of his victims were members

defamed, and in which the the

public interest would be served by

the taking of proceedings by the local authority to determine the

falsity of the charge.

Nevertheless, to allow the authority to sue for libel would impose an added burden and substantial restriction on freedom.

of expression which, in view of the ability of individual officers to sue for libel and the authority itself to

sue for mulicious falsehood, could

not be regarded as necessary in

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss deliv-

Solicitors: Biddle & Co: Kingsford Stacey for Mr D. W.

ered a concurring judgment.

our democratic society.

Commonwealth

SPORTS LETTERS

Need for post-mortems and are dismissed as Dre-From Professor D. F. Kelly

sumed heart failure. Sir, Your account (February 17) of the deaths of two As a matter of observation, organic heart disease is unchasers while point-to-point-ing at Wetherby raises again common as a cause of sudden death in horses and this several questions about the emphasises the importance of causes of sudden death in having post-mortem examitrained horses. Both are renations carried out by profesported to have died of sussional · veterinary patholopected heart failure and one gists. This is important (a) to wonders whether full postunderstand the causes of posmortem examinations were sibly preventable sudden carried out by veterinary padeath and (b) to provide a medical basis for answering thologists in an attempt to define the causes of death. criticisms of racing by those who object to the use of

While some of the causes of sudden death in fit borses are well known to veterinary pathologists, it is clear that some such deaths are not satisfactorily explained. Unfortunately, too many are never investigated to acceptable standards

public to look to medical

science to rescue paralysed

sportsmen from a lifetime in

a wheelchair. This trust exists

to support the research he

commends, and we have high

hopes that we shall be able to

paraplegia by the end of this decade.

Women's games

From Ms K. Sinderson

We are dependent on pub-**Injury research** lic subscription for the money From Mr Peter J. Banyard with which we finance re Sir, Mr T. P. Casey (Sports Letters, February 13) is quite search work, and would welcome contributions from right that rugby, in common with other sports, does prorugby football unions around the world, just as we have duce disastrous and permaalready been assisted by the English and Scottish unions. nent disability for a small number of the participants. As horsemen and swimmers He is also correct in urging sporting authorities and the know, rugby is not the only

> Yours faithfully, PETER J. BANYARD, Research Director, International Spinal Research Trust, Unit 7, Bramley Business Centre, Station Road, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey.

sport which produces spinal

animals for sport or other

D. F. KELLY, Department

forms of entertainment.

of Veterinary Pathology.

University of Liverpool,

PO Box 147, Liverpool.

Yours sincerely,

Games have traditionally eschewed team sports in order to avoid the less welcome aspects of nationalistic fer-

vour evident at less "friendly" games. But if this scruple is to be discarded, another obvious candidate to give women a greater share of the sporting cake would be netball, a Commonwealth sport if ever there was one, and at which the home nations compete as separate teams, as required in Commonwealth Games com-Each host city is allowed to include a sport of its own

choosing to be part of its Commonwealth Games programme. Are there any takers for the two I have suggested? Yours faithfully, KATHARINE SINDERSON, 15 Clee Crescent. Old Clee, Grimsby.

Lincolnshire. of no mean school XI (as he

was not).
At least I think I saw it. because your Mr Howard, until his triumph, was bowling fast indeed but short to a batsman, a future captain of wielded a ferocious pull and my viewpoint was extremely short leg.

STEPHEN HUGH-JONES. 97 Abbey House, Garden Road, NW8.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046.

Cameras will follow news

From Mr Giles Firbank Sir, Micky Stewart's wrath about intrusive cameras focusing on David Lawrence's injured plight (report, February 11) may or may not be nderstandable.

He should know anyway that, where events can be deemed newsworthy, cameras will always whirr - at gravesides in the aftermath of funerals, at wounded soldiers on Kuwaiti battlefields last year, or at Soviet tanks in Wenceslas Square (doubtless causing consternation to Soviet soldiery) in 1968. Besides, if Stewart's conduct becomes allowable, then any cameraman anywhere can be assailed by anybody.

Moreover, it seems very obvious that Stewart was contravening cricket's own code of conduct that members of the England touring

into the chest of the cameraman, speak volumes about his histrionics. One might well suppose

team should not intimidate or

attempt to intimidate speci-

Your picture of Stewart,

with his forefinger prodded

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that in the UK all can be overlooked for the state of expediency and unity; but should the New Zealand public not have had a proper justification for these tawdry acts, plus a full apology? And not just some weasel-worded statement of nebulous regret in which, incidentally, Stewart's name was not even once mentioned? Yours faithfully

GILES FIRBANK. Nutshalling. Norlands Drive. Otterbourne. Winchester, Hampshire.

All-seat concern From Mr Scott White

Sir. I read with some concern the views of Chief Superintendent Crawford concerning all-seat stadiums (Sports Letters, February 13). Their imposition on the paying public will not increase safety, in exactly the same way that identity cards would not have affected hooliganism. The only solutions to these problems are those that have as complete backing as possible from those who pay at the

Terracing is the preferred choice of the fans. They can be made safe by sensible capacities being decided upon, by effective partitioning and stewarding with plentiful crush barriers, by the complete removal of caging and fencing, and, lastly, through the intelligent polic-ing of matches, by which I mean the delaying of kick-offs if there is some hold-up outside a ground and the use of cordons to avoid the congestion caused by ticketless spectators milling around grounds at big games.

I am also a little worried at the reasoning behind the widepsread support the allseat idea holds with police forces. I suspect that this arises not from a genuine concern for safety, although I am sure this exists, but from an anti-hooligan standpoint. The police have been very slow to realise that the vast majority of violent outbreaks occur away from football

rair game

From Mr Alan Guthrie Sir. The players at Mr John Michuki's Kenyan golfing paradise (report, February easier game than their intrepid forefathers. A report in our May 1941

issue described the somewhat challenging North Lake Ru-dolf Course, whose first hole ran from "the Abyssinian frontier to the Lakitaung Boma, a distance of 27

Bench must give trials

undivided attention

Mr Adrian Fulford, who did

stadiums and their immediate environs. Trouble flares at the station, on the under-ground or in city centre public houses. Hooliganism was always a much overstated tarnish on the game of football. It is a social problem. which manifests itself in tribalism and gang warfare.

The wave of optimism ooz ing through the football world, and the common bond experienced by the vast majority of soccer lovers, has resulted in the huge reduction in large-scale incidents in football. Individual clubs, the police, as well as Joe Bloggs. have done their part to foster a new attitude and this must be maintained and enhanced by all those with a real interest in the sport.

By mentioning the United States as some kind of torch-bearer, Mr Crawford should be aware of the overwhelming middle-class nature of spectator sport over the Atlantic. If Mr Crawford sees the gentrification of football in this country as an answer to safety, he risks the alienation of the average supporter, and in consequence the whole future of football as a communal amenity. This is a high price, and not one I believe will carry a great deal of support from administrators. supporters and players.

Yours faithfully. S. WHITE. Garthside. Garth Heads Road, Appleby in Westmorland,

Cumbria. Local rules stated that "if a

leopard is seen approaching, the game may be held up indefinitely" and that "if a goat should eat the ball, another may be dropped

No. doubt Mr Michuki knows of a good fencing

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Court of Appeal

Law Report February 20 1992

Queen's Bench Divisional Court James The Court

Local authorities cannot sue in libel

Derbyshire County Council v Times Newspapers Ltd and Others

Refore Lord Justice Balenmhe. Lord Justice Butter-Sloss Budgment February 19] A local government authority

could not sue for libel in respect of its governing or administrative reputation when no actual financial loss was alleged, nor-withstanding the general unneiple that a corporation. shether trading or non-trading. could do so to protect its reputcapable of being damaged by a lefamatory statement. Individuals within the authority

could sue for libel, but were a public authority to have such a right, that would stiffe legitimate and impose an added restriction was unnecessary in a democratic

The Court of Appeal so held in a teerved judgment when it allowed the appeal of Times Newspapers Ltd. Mr Andrew Neill, Miss Rosemary Collins and Mr Peter Hounam, against the judgment of Mr Justice Morland (The Times April 8, 1901; [1901] 4 All LR 795] when he found in favour of the council on a preliminary point, namely whether the council could maintain an action tor libel for any words which reflected upon it as the county council for Derbyshire in relation to its governmental and administrative functions in Derbyshire. including its statutory reponsibility for the investment and control of the superannuation fund

Mr Anthony Lester, QC and Mr Desmond Browne, QC for the appellants: Mr Alan Newman, QC and Mr Anthony White for

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that in two issues of The Sunday Times on September 17 and 24. [489 were articles questioning the propriety of cercouncil's superannuation fund. The articles were headed "Revealed: socialist tycoon's deals with a Labour chief", "Bizarre deals of a council leader and media 15000" and "Council share deals under scrutiny". The council leader was David Melvyn Bookbinder and the media tycoon eas Owen Ovston.

Azharuddin: mistake

and Mr Osston brought actions Mr Oyston being settled on October 7, 1991, after a statement in court and payment of damages. The remaining actions, in which the claims were almost identical, were stayed pending the outcome of the present

proceedings.

His Lordship said that a corporation created by royal charter clearly could sue for libel to protect its trading reputation:

Metropolitan Saloon Omnibus Cu r Huwkins ((1859) 4 H & N

The Divisional Court Munchester Corporation v Wil-liams [[1891] 1 QB 94) had concluded that an action for libel was not maintainable by the municipal authority but its reasoning unconvincing. was wholly

The authorities were reviewed h Mr Justice Browne in Bognor Regis Urban District Council v Campion ([1972] 2 QB 109) who concluded that a local authority had a governing reputation which was entitled to protection in the same way as a trading

corporation. However, the judge did not consider whether his decision had any effect on the right to freedom of expression, doubtless because the point was not taken before him. That case had been followed in other common law jurisdicions in Canada and Australia.

His Lordship found that it was established from the authorities that any corporation, whether trading or non-trading, having a corporate reputation as distinct from that of its members which was capable of being damaged by a defamatory statement, could suc in libel to protect that reputaton. and that principle was in accontainer with good wenter

Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Cmd 8969), and arti-cle 19 of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Cmnd 6702), expressed an absolute right, the right to freedom of expression. Although not incor-The council. Mr Bookbinder ated into English law it could be resorted to in order to help resolve some uncertainty of ambiguity in municipal law: R v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Brind

([1991] AC 696). In the present case, the English law was uncertain and Mr Justice Morland was wrong to conclude otherwise. He was faced with two conflicting decisions, the Manchester Corporation and ognor Regis cases. There was no

Court of Appeal or House of Lords decision on the point. The court was in a position to define the extent of the common law tort in such a way as not to require a positive amendment of the law by Parliament. The court could and should consider the effect of article 10. The right to freedom of expression included freedom to impair information and ideas without interference by

public authority. The court was required to alance the right to freedom of expression and such restrictions as were necessary in a democratic society for the protection of a nontrading corporation which was also a public authority. If the council could sue for libel so could other government departments with corporate status: for exampic, the secretaries of state for defence, education and science,

environment and social services. The law reports in the United Kingdom and other jurisdictions contained many statements emphasising the importance of the right in a democratic society to be able to criticise freely the conduct of affairs by public authorities. In the United States it had long been held that a municipal authority could not sue in the tort of libel: see, for example, Clty Chicago v Tribune Co ((1928) 139 NE 86) and New York Times v Sullivan ((1964) 376 US 254). If a corporate authority was unable to sue for libel it was.

however, by no means without a remedy: first, its actions would necessarily be those of its officers proceedings for the protection of its property and reputation.

A case might arise in which the since, being a legal fiction, it could only act through the instrumentality of human beings. It was not without significance that Mr Bookbinder's action for reputation of a local authority might be damaged so as to impair its function for the public good, in which no private individual was

complaints as those made by the In an appropriate case the public authority might be able to secure the institution of a prosecution for criminal libel. Finally, it might have an action for ma-

licious falsehood.

Bearing in mind the words of article 10(2), the right to sue for malicious (alsehood gave to a corporate public authority all such rights as were necessary in a democratic society, that is, for which there existed a pressing social need, for the protection of its reputation. It did not need, for that protection, to have the right to sue in defamation and thereby be able to stille legitimate public

criticism of its activities.

Accordingly, the right to free-dom of expression did affect the position where the non-trading corporation was a public authority, and the council could not maintain an action for libel for any words which reflected on it as the county council for Derbyshire in relation to its governmen and administrative functions in Derbyshire, including its statu-tury responsibility for the investment and control of the

superannuation fund. LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON, agreeing, said that to allow a local government au-thority to sue for libel would impose a substantial restriction

on freedom of expression. The ability to take such proceedings might well restrict or prevent public discussion of matters of public importance despite the willingness of any person wishing to take part in that discussion to take every reason-able precaution to avoid defamatory imputation against any identifiable individual. On the other hand it was

necessary in a democratic society

for a local government authority

Another

for the judge's or justices

discretion. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when relusing the application of Simon Parker and David Ward for judicial review to set aside the dismissal by Judge Woodford on November 15. 1991 at Norwich Crown Court of their appeal against the extension by Great Yarmouth Justices on

Regina v Marylebone Magistrates Court, Ex parte Perry and Others Before Lord Justice Mann and

Judgment February 7 There was a fundamental judicial duty to give a case undivided attention. When a magistrate listened to evidence while signing warrant forms there was an apparent unfairness in the conduct of the trial.

Mr Justice Brooke

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in quashing the convictions before Mr Jeffrey Nucl. a Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, at Marylebone Mag istrates Court on April 27, 1990 of Timothy Perry, Andre Schott,

conduct contrary to section 5(1) of the Public Order Act 1986.

not appear below, for Perry, Schott and Wynter, Mr Nigel ming for Mr Noel; Mr Aftab Jafferjee for the Crown: the remaining applicants did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said the applicants had been among a group of anti-apartheid demonstrators who had invaded the pitch at a cricker match between Middlesex

At their trial, counsel had

indicated his intention to call a series of witnesses to describe the evils of apartheid, arguing that

Evidence not necessary in time limit extension cases

Regina v Norwich Crown Court. Ex parte Parker and Before Lord Justice Nolan and

Mr Justice Jowin [Judgment February 5]

When, in an application for an extension of a custody time limit, the court was called upon to consider whether the prosecution had acted with all due expedition. it was not called upon to hear evidence concerning the manner in which preparations for the committal had been conducted since the question was one solely

November 5 or the custody time limit under section 22(3)(b) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 and the Prosecution of Offences (Custody Time Limits) Regulations (\$1 1987 No 299).

Mr Justin Wigoder for the applicants; Mr Charles Kellett for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said a delay had occurred in respect of a medical report being prepared for the prosecution and a confusion had then arisen as a result of which it was alleged that the prosecution had, in reporting the state of affairs, unwittingly misled

The judge had held on appeal that there was no necessity for evidence to be called when considering the extension of the time limit and the applicants chal-

His Lordship said that when tion had acted with all due

required to approach the case as hough that was the only question it was concerned with. Whether the prosecution acted with due expedition meant due expedition

One circumstance was the elfect on custody of the prosecution plan, in this case to get the prosecution to such a state of preparation that the defendants' advisers would have sufficient time to decide whether to proceed with a committal under section 6(1) or (2) of the Magistrates

in the circumstances.

Courts Act 1980.
Therefore all due expedition was directed to achieving a slua-tion so that if the defendant chose a paper committal that could proceed within the custody time

Lord Justice Noian delivered concurring judgment. Solicitors: Kenneth Bush & Co. King's Lynn; CPS, Norwich.

allowed one of the applicants, Mr Perry, to give such evidence. After listening for a time, the mag-istrate had said that he intended

those justified the applicants'

to "improve the shining hour". He had left the court to fetch some warrants, and for the next 10 or 15 minutes had signed those while listening to the evidence.
His Lordship said that just as there was a judicial duty to avoid

actual or apparent bias there was also a judicial duty to give the case undivided attention. The devotion of that attention had to be both actual and apparent. That was necessary for the maintenance of public confidence in the fairness the administration of justice and was as fundamental as the need to avoid actual or apparent

Mr Jaffajee and Mr Pleming had argued that the informed spectator would not have detected apparent unfairness by reason of the magistrate's apparent lack of attention. Their basis for saying that was that Mr Perry had been making a polemical statement rather than giving evidence. The magistrate had allowed the

statement to be made. It was evidence given on oath. The informed spectator would have had a suspicion that a fair trial was not occurring because undivided attention was not being The court did have a discretion

not to grant cersiorari in criminal cases but counsel had been unable to find a case where it had been exercised against an applicant in a criminal case who had made out his grounds. His Lordship considered that

discretion was unlikely to be exercised in any case where there was an apparent unfairness in the conduct of the trial.

Mr Justice Brooke delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Bindman & Partners: Treasury Solicitor, CPS, Inner London.



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Bradley poised to shine on Gran Alba

WITH Graham McCourt opting to partner last Saturday's Nottingham winner Royal Gait in the Champion Hurdle at Chelrenham next month. Graham Bradley has come in for the enviable ride on Gran Alba.

At Wincanton today Bradley, who has already won a Gold Cup on Bregawn, is reunited on the Richard Hannon-trained grey in the Kingwell Hurdle.

Bradley first rode Gran Alba at Newbury last March when they finished third behind Imperial Brush and Lemhill in a handicap.
In the meantime, Gran Alba has climbed the ladder

of success in McCourt's care. After being placed in races won by Destriero and Granville Again at Cheltenham and Liverpool last spring. Gran Alba has come into his own this season, winning at Newbury and Kempton after being beaten a whisker by Sybillin at Cheltenham.

Significantly, Gran Alba has already beaten Fidway and Oh So Risky, two of his rivals here, this season.

At Newbury, Oh So Risky was ten lengths adrift in the Gerry Feilden Hurdle, albeit when giving 6lb, while Fidway was beaten a total of 12 lengths when fourth behind Gran Alba, Royal Derbi and Ruling in the Christmas

Hurdle at Kempton. Since then Fidway and Oh So Risky have had the finish

14-1 from 20-1 by Ladbrokes

for her attempt to become the

fourth horse in the past five years to land the double of

yesterday's Whitlenge Nov-ices' Chase at Warwick and

the Sun Alliance Chase at

The West Awake, Garrison

Savannah and Rolling Ball

are the three horses to have

accomplished the feat. And in

displaying such tremendous courage to beat Rough Quest

by one-and-a-half lengths,

Oliver Sherwood's mare

showed herself ready to at-

tempt to join their illustrious

"She's as tough as nails,"

said the trainer. "Not many Valentino.

1.50 Mull House. 2.20 French Legionnaire. 2.50 Jan-Re. 3.20 Scotoni. 3.50 Shar Emblem. 4.20

1.50 Muli House. 2.20 Sea Shadow. 2.50 Gallant Effort. 3.20 Brunswick Blue. 3.50 SHAR EMBLEM (nap). 4.20 Belmoredean.

1.50 BLEAK HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE

5 ACROSS THE BAY 7 S Dow 5-11-5 ... A Dicken (7)
6602 MULL HOUSE 10 (BF) F 014ahory 5-11-5 A Maguire
04/P PLAUSIBLE 7 J Moore 7-11-5 ... A Charlton
5 PROSEDUENDO 8 M Doon 5-11-5 ... E Murphy
WILLEYS FOLLY 5F S Dow 6-11-0 ... H Davies
CLASSIC ACCOUNT 14 J Alexins 4-109 Bei McKeown
FULLY STRETCHED 254F Miss B Sanders 4-109
J Halls (7)

B ONLY MALONEY 455F J Moore 4:108 P Moore (7) 9 0063 VALUED FRIEND 9 J Bridger 4:109 G Moore 9-4 Mult House, 7-2 Classic Account, 9-2 Prosequendo, 6-1 Across The Bay, 7-1 Valued Friend, 10-1 Wileys Folly, 14-1 others.

2.20 BARNABY RUDGE SELLING HANDI-

5.2 Grandole, 7.2 Scented Goddess, 4.1 French Legionner, 6.1 Cone Lane, 8.1 Glen Finnen, 10-1 Krisfett, 12-1 Dark Isle, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M McCourt, 7 winners from 13 runners, 53 8%, S Dow, 14 from 31, 45.2%; T Thomson Jones, 8 Irom 19, 42 1%; Mrs J Pfitnen, 8 from 15, 40.7%; Miss B Sanders, 20 from 51, 39.2%; D Grissell, 8 from 24, 33.3%.

JOCKEYS A Dicken, 11 winners from 22 rides, 50.0%, Dale McKeown, 27 from 81, 33.3%; A Maguire, 11 from 34, 32.4%, H Davies, 13 from 42, 31.0%, D J Burchell, 4 from 13, 30.8%, M Bosley, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

Suluk takes

tally to 11

SULUK recorded his eleventh success on the Fibresand

at Southwell yesterday when winning the East Stoke

Claiming Hurdle at 8-1 on.

Reg Hollinshead's sevenyear-old has managed this

tally despite missing the

whole of the 1990-91 season.

CAP HURDLE (£1,446: 2m) (12)

Cheltenham.

number.

THUNDERER

GOING: STANDARD

(£1,327: 2m 2f) (9 runners)

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

of the Agfa Hurdle at Sandown to themselves, with Fidway turning in an improved performance to give Oh So Risky 5lb and a length-and-a-half beating.

Kings Fountain, one of two entries that Kim Bailey has for this year's Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham, has his warm-up in the Jim Ford

Challenge Cup.

An impressive winner of valuable handicaps at Ascot and Cheltenham last autumn, Kings Fountain was then rather disappointing when beaten three-quarters of a length by Stay On Tracks at Wetherby on Boxing day. Bailey insists that the

Wetherby race on soft ground

The task of landing today's nap is entrusted to Nick Smith on Ringmore (4.10) at-Catterick Bridge.

big nine-year-old, who is tak-en to regain the winning trail

following a rest and now that

he is racing on good ground

As for the Georgie Newall

Novices' Chase, I like none better than the David Nichol-

son-trained Belstone Fox.
A good fourth behind Gran

Alba at Newbury in Novem-

ber, Belstone Fox then fell at

the last hurdle at Uttoxeter

next time out when poised to

make a race of it with the

much-improved Cheerful

change tact and go chasing

with Belstone Fox, whom he

Following a thorough session of schooling, this lightly-raced but talented seven-year-

old can justify his trainer's

rates highly.

Nicholson then decided to

A victory over today's course and distance two years ago comprised part of an admirably consistent season that saw him win two and be placed in ten of his 14 races. After being on the sidelines. recovering from a chipped bone, Ringmore bounced back into the limelight at Worcester eight days ago when completing a 286-1 double for his promising young rider and trainer John Parkes.

Always a useful hurdler,

Don Valentino has been ab-

sent from the track with leg

trouble since April, 1990. "He's in the County Hurdle,"

Suggestions have been

made in the past two days

Golden Freeze in the Gold

Cup in an attempt to force

Carvill's Hill to make mis-

takes in order to help Toby

Pitman said: "Tactics can change a lot between now

and Cheltenham. I remem-

ber we hatched the plot to

beat Desert Orchid two years

ago, but Toby went and got

beat by Norton's Coin."

2.50 GREAT EXPECTATIONS HANDICAP

1 15F- YELLOW SPRING 313 (D,F,S) D Grateli 7-11-10 H Davies 2 10-6 BEN ZABEEDY 89 (F) R Sympson 7-10-10

3 1311 GALLANT EFFORT 7 (CD) S Dow 4-10-7 (Fex)
A Dicken (7)
4 2D11 JAN-RE 9 (CD) F Murphy 8-10-0 (Fex)
A Magure
1-8 Jan-Re, 15-8 Gallant Filton, 4-1 V-20-1

11-8 Jan-Re, 15-8 Gallant Effort, 4-1 Yellow Spring, 6-1 Ben Zabeedy.

3.20 DAVID COPPERFIELD NOVICES

4 My Alibi, 7-2 Scotoni, 4-1 Brunswick Blue, 6-1 Tha 1 With Gusto, 10-1 Mr Moneymaker, 14-1 others.

3,50 HARD TIMES MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,375: 2m 4f) (8)

5 6-00 BELMOREVIXEN 14 (B) R O'Solivan 5-11-2

5 3331 LADY POLY 7 (C) Miss B Senders 4-10-11

4.20 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,551: 2m) (6)

5 3331 LOT POLT / (c) less 5 amorts 4 10-11

5 05 JARRWAH 23 J Spearing 4 10-5 ... NON-RUNNER

7 3260 SEMINOLE PRINCESS 12 C Jones 4 10-5 . M Bosley

8 3 SHAR EMBLEM 7 S Dow 4 10-5 . A Dicken (?)

11-4 Lady Poly, 7-2 Shar Emblem, 4-1 Charlie's Darling, 8-1 Belmore vo.en, Pandora's Prize, 10-1 Seminole Princess, 12-1 others

1 -504 STONE FLAKE 2 (D.S) P Kellevray 6-12-0 A Bettes (8)
2 3-22 BELMOREDEAN 19F (CD.F) R O'Surivan 7-11-9
D O'Sellivan
3 12-5 LEGAL TIMA 44 (D.F) S Dow 7-10-13 _____ A Dicken
4 4PF0 DISNEYLAND 14 (CD.F) Mrs J Priman 8-10-9
5 4464 PANT LILN 14 (B.D.F) F Jorden 5-10-5 T Protheroe (8)
6 2112 STORM ORPHAN 9 (CD.SF) Mrss B Senders 5-10-2
A Maguare

7-4 Belmoredean. 11-4 Storm Orphan, 5-1 Pant Liin, 6-1 Store Flake, 8-1 Legal Tina, 12-1 Disneyland.

HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,387: 2m) (9)

HURDLE (£1,702: 2m 4f) (4)

Refusing to be drawn, Mrs

that the trainer is likely to run

Jenny Pitman said.



Bradley: Champion chance on Gran Alba

Game Springaleak cut to 14-1

By MICHAEL SEELY

win eight races in succession.

I thought she was sure to get

beaten when Rough Quest was cantering over her throughout. But although

she's won so many races, I

didn't know until today that

she was good enough to go to

Miinnehoma and Mutare,

remain 5-1 joint-favourites

with Ladbrokes for the three-

mile novices' championship.

No positive pointers to-

wards the Champion Hurdie

were provided by the Regency

Hurdle, in which Ruling, last

season's big-race third, was

comprehensively outpointed by a 33-1 outsider. Don Valentino.

Cheltenham."

SPRINGALEAK was cut to horses have what it takes to

WINCANTON

RICHARD EVANS

4.00 BELSTONE FOX

3 00 Gran Alba.

MANDARIN 2,00 Va Lute. 2.00 Va Lute. 2.30 Pukka Major. 3.00 Gran Alba. 3.30 Kings Fountain, 4.00 Belstone Fox. 4.30 Valiant Warrior. 2.30 Rambling Song.

3.00 Gran Alba. 3.30 Kings Fountain. 4.00 Belstone Fox. 4.30 Valiant Warrior. 5.00 The Black Monk.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 KINGS FOUNTAIN.

GOING: GOOD

5.00 Mister Major.

2.00 II CHESTED OF A MANO MURDI E (C) 200. 2... (O)

,		.00	LUNESTER CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,996; 2m) (21 runn)	ers)	
	1	0	AFTERKELLY 42 (D Eisworth) D Eisworth 7-11-7	A McCabe (7)	_
	2	P60-0F0	PERSIAN STYLE 6 (D.G.S) (Atrs S Baker) W G Turner 8-17-5	Mr W Turner	_
	3	1/30036	POLLOCK 14 (B,O,F,G) (Mrs M Bisgrove) M Pipe 9-11-5	P Scudamore	a 9
	4	0/6342-	BLANTON RESERVE 314 (D,F,S) (J Jordan) M Barraclough 8-11-4	. R Dunwoody	- 8
•	5	08448-2	GROTIUS 108 (D.S) (Traval Employment Group Ltd) G Ham 8 11-4	A Bellamy	
	Ē		LUCKY BLUE 15 (P Buckley) J Fox 5-11-3		
	ž	0430 65	MUNIC MONDER (C. COCK) J FOX 3-11-3	A Tory	
		400 445	MUSIC WONDER 19 (CD,S) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 11-11-3	. D Skyrme	8
		40P-062	GARDA'S GOLD 10 (CD,S) (G Brown) R Dicket 9-11-2.	D Meredith (7)	7
	. 9	41 <i>P/22</i> U-	MIRAMAC 363 (C.D.F.G.S) (R Frost) R Frost 11-11-2	. "J Frost	
	10		RAMBLE 100F (G Dalziel & P Fry) J Old 5-11-2	T Grantham	_
	17	F-34131	VA LUTE 17 (CD.F.G.S) (Castle Farm Stud) R Holder 8-11-2	D Matthews (7)	9
	12	/4/P64B-	WAR DANCER 404 ICD S) IR Hatel M Castell 16-11-2	. V Sigttery (5)	
	.13	FPPP4P	LAD LANE 7 (F) (R Weeks) C Popham 6-11-1	S Bustough	-
	14	P-P	TIN SHACK JACK 28 (A Foster) T Hallett 6-11-1	. A Webb	_
	15	20-03	RUSTY MUSIC 10 (R Brown) R Brown 6-11-0	Mr R Davis (7)	7
	16	334/00F-	DARING CLASS 325 (Mrs C Blezard) P Rodford 6-10-12	. I Shoemark	6
	17	FO	LADY BUNTING 10 (H & S Laycock) R Voorspuy 5-10-11	M Perrett	_
•	18	6	PURE BUSS 15 (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-10-11	Lawrence	_
	19	P42/0	LUDLOW LADY 7 (P Parnell) R Hodges 8-10-9 .	T Thompson (7)	
	20	00035	AWAY FROM REALITY 14 (Lauten-Cerr) Nes J Pilman 4-10-3	M Bowlby	7.
_	21	ſæ	SHIET STORAN 7 (0) (4- D Harbort & Corner 4 70 C	IN SAFENDARA	

SETTING: 11-4 Va Lute, 7-2 Poliock, 4-1 Miramac, 6-1 Away From Reality, 8-1 Grotus, 10-1 Bignton Red 12-1 Alterhetiv, 14-1 others 1991: ANDRELOT 4-11-3 M Priman (2-1) Mrs J Priman 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

AFTERKELLY 31I 7th of 19 to The Stater in a novice hurdle, here (good to soft) POLLOCK 111/si 6th of 12 to Bold Choice in a handicap hurdle, over course and distance (good).

BLANTON RESERVE 11/si 2nd of 14 to Hats High in a handicap hurdle aver course and distance (good).

BLANTON RESERVE 11/si 2nd of 14 to Hats High in a handicap hurdle aver course and distance (good).

WIRAMAC 12 2nd of 14 to Catch 7he Cross in a handicap hurdle at Wohverhampton (2m, good) good to soft) on penultimate start. VA LUTE beat Beauchamp Fuz 2 m an 18-runner claiming hurdle at Wohverhampton (2m, good).

Selection: VA LUTE

2.30 STEWART TORY MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,831: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

54-5443 PLIKKA MAJOR 17 (CD.F.G.S) (kins S Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 11-11-10 J Duriton (3) 98
302154 SHANNAGARY 42 (CD.F.G.S) (Hunt & Co Liti) R Hodges 11-119 Miss P Curling (7) 94
2/13-35P RAMBLING SONG 12 (D.G.S) (Lord Chebreo) T Forsier 12-119 R Farmari (7) 93
2/13-25P ROME 17 (V.D.F.G.S) (B R B Owners Group (1995) (Ps.) 6 Belding 10-113 M Houriginn (7) 93
32/13223 SENATOR OF ROME 36 (BF.F.G.) (H McCell) G Balding 9-11-2 H Sarker (7) 93 BETTING: 2-1 Folk Dance, 100-30 Pukka Major, 4-1 Rambing Song, 9-2 Senator Of Rome, 6-1 Shannagary 1991: WESTERN LEGEND 7-11-8 B de Haan (6-1) J Edwards 12 ran

PUKKA MAJOR 20'ol 4th of 7 to Ronans Birthday in a handicap chase at Chepstow (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start, with RAMBLING SONG 12's bit of 12's d. FOLK DANCE 3i 2nd of 9 to Blueberry chase at Fontwell (2m 4f, good), with RAMBLING SONG (12'b) bring representative in a conditional pockeys chase at Fontwell (2m 4f, good), with RAMBLING SONG (12'b) better oil) 12's d. FOLK DANCE 3i 2nd of 9 to Blueberry king in a conditional pockeys chase at Fontwell (2m 4f, good), with RAMBLING SONG (12'b) better oil) 12's d. FOLK DANCE 3i 2nd of 9 to Blueberry king of 12's d. FOLK DANCE 3i 2nd of

3.00 KINGWELL HURDLE (Grade II: £10,880: 2m) (6 runners)

| U0-4441 FIDWAY 19 (D,F,G,S) (A Coley) T Thomson Jones 7-11-10 . P Scudamore 332-211 GRAN ALBA 55 (D,F,G,S) (D Thompson) R Hannon 6-11-10 . G Bradley (1 151-252 OH SG RISKY 19 (D,BF,F,G) (Ot SG RISKY Syndicate) D Elsworth 5-11-10 . P Holley 1101P/S- KADAN 299F (D,F,G) (P Heywood) W G Turner 8-11-2 . Survival 1101P/S- KADAN 299F (D,F,G) (P Heywood) W G Turner 8-11-2 . J Frost 540131/0- VESTRIS ABU 345 (D,F,G) (E Keame) M Pipe 6-11-2 Mr E Keams BETTING: 7-4 Gran Alba, 5-2 Fidway, 7-2 On So Risky, 6-1 Vestris Albu, 12-1 Kadan, 20-1 Lendyap 1991: WELSH BARD 7-11-2 P Scudemore (11-1) C Brooks 7 ran

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FIDWAY beat OH SO RISKY (5tb worse oit) 11/st in a 6-numer hurdle at Sandown (2m, good) GRAN ALBA beat Royal Derbi 21/st in the 7-nuner grade it op Rank Christmas Hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to ism), with FIDWAY (sams terms) 9/st 4th Previously, beat OH SO RISKY (5tb better oft) 10/st in the grade I Gerry Fedden hurdle at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to ism) a handicap hurdle at Ascot (2m, good). Selection: GRAN ALBA (nap)

3.10 Decent Man.

COURSE SPECIALISTS Per cent JOCKEYS TRAINERS 34.0 M Pitman 31.3 P Scudemore 22.7 R Reference

RICHARD EVANS THUNDERER MANDARIN

1.40 Regan.
2.10 Obeliski.
2.40 Derry Reef.
3.10 Brig's Gazelle.
3.40 Hypnotist.
4.10 RINGMORE (nap).
4.40 Wishing Gate. 1.40 Regan. 2.10 Terrible Gel. 2.40 Star Oats. 3.10 Choice Challange 3.40 Ringland. 4.10 Ringmore. 4.40 Wishing Gate.

1 2912 SCOTONI 21 (CD) R D'Sullivan 6-11-13 D O'Sullivan (3) 2 321 MY ALIBI 20 (CD.G) W Carter 4-11-8 H Jeniciris 3 1252 BRUNSWICK BLUE 14 (B.CD) J Sutcidio 4-10-11 GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

4 0P0 ANATRIOCOLO 22 C Horgan 5-10-10 ... H Davies 5 5284 WITH GUSTO 23 K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-7... H Davies 6 00-2 THATCHENNE 6F (8) P Hedger 7-10-2 M Richards 7 0-05 MR MONEYMAKER 9 (8) C Nesh 5-10-0 ... D Tegg 8 8-4P HIGH KABOUR 9 W G M Turner 6-10-0 ... P Carey (7) 9 F000 OAKBOURNE 16 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 16 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 16 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Mumber 19 (V) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... D Thomson Jones 4-10-0 ... 1.40 MIDDLEHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,165: 3m 1f 80yd) (12 runners)

1	00-2631	TROODOS 40 (F) (A Forty) Mrs S Austri 8-11-5	D Wilkinson	
2	5-54615	REGAN 17 (BF) (D Gibbons) Miss J Barday 5-11-0	N Doughty 4)
3	120-030	EMERALD VENTURE 31 (J Simmons) T Caldwell 5-10-12	Peter Caldwell	
4	P	HALLO SENSATION 13 (P Cookson) G Coalsworth 5-10-12	T Reed	-
5	1005-	INCONCLUSIVE 345 (G) (Mrs S Bramali) Mrs S Bramali 5-10-12	J O'Gorman	-
6		MARINERS LAW 24 (B) (Miss P Hatheld) A Petts 8-10-12	. T Potts	-
7		SPARTAN RANGER 52 (Mrs J Milligan) M Hammond 7-10-12	. P Niven	į
8		STRONG CHARACTER 68 (R Lamb) R Lamb 8-10-12 .	Miss S Lamb (7)	-
9		COUNTESS CROSSETT 5 (E Caine) E Caine 10-10-7		-
10	004	MIONIGHT FLOTILLA 17 (Mrs G Andrews) J Eyre 6-10-7	12 14 EN 14-1- 40	-
11		NICKY'S BELLE (Lady Ann Bowley) Lady Ann Bowley 7-10-7	C Dennis (3)	-
12	55	TOPCLIFFE 13 (M Buck) Mrs V Azonley 5-10-7	. —	- 1

BETTING: 7-4 Regan, 7-2 Topolife, 5-1 Troodes, 6-1 Emerald Venture, 8-1 Spartan Ranger, 12-1 others

1991: MERRY MASTER 7-10-12 Gee Armylage (7-2) R Armytage 19 ran 2.10 LEYBURN NOVICES CHASE (\$2.120-2m) (15 runners) 823-221 MEGA BLUE 12 (CD.G) (B Riley & Son Ltd) Mrs V Aconley 7-71-5 .

1 823-221 MEGA BLUE 12 (GD.G) (B Riley & Son Ltd) Mrs V Acontey 7:11.5 0 50/PD BAY FOX 33 (Miss V Stead) P Beaumont 7:13... 3 660/PP BELLE ISLE BILL 289 (W Smith) W Smith 7:11.3... 4 500-0PD GINGER PINK 33 (A Watton) J Johnson 6:11.3 500-0PD GINGER PINK 33 (A Watton) J Johnson 6:11.3 51/2021- JIMMY'S BRANDY 527 (D.F.G) (T Mulin) J Johnson 9:11.3 7 010/14-3 MILITARY HONOUR 56 (B.G) (D Hitlin) J Johnson 9:11.3 7 010/14-3 MILITARY HONOUR 56 (B.G) (D Hitlin) Cax) M V Besterby 7:11.3 8 33140-3 OSELISKI 13 (D.G) (W Fitzgerski) P Hastem 6:11.3 9 PO PROGRESS MISTER 52 (S Chadwick) S Chadwick 8:11.3 10 34-PSF REVARO 33 (G Rodley) Mrs J Ramaden 6:11.3 11.024B TERRIBLE GEL 33 (D.F) (R Watts) Mrs G Reveley 7:11.3 11.024B TERRIBLE GEL 33 (D.F) (R Watts) Mrs G Reveley 7:11.3 12 PS/PP4 IMPERIAL RAIN 12 (Mrs C Reed) N Miler 8:10.12.... 13 1443PV LINGHAM MAGIC 12 (J Swerra) J Swieter 7:10.12 14 2/PP03F MOORFIELD LADY 12 (D.G.F.F) (D Dresser) B Witchson 8:10.12... 15 50-0PS2 NANCY AROROSS 12 (D) (A Dewson) B Mactaggari 6:10.12 BETTING: 7-2 Obelisk, 4-1 Terrible Gel 9-2 Moortield Lady 5-1 Måltary Honour, 6-1 NON-RUNNER C Hawkins J Supple (7) Mr S Swiers

BETTING: 7-2 Obeliek., 4-1 Terrible Gel. 9-2 Moortekt Lady. 5-1 Mattery Honour, 6-1 Lingham Magus, 8-1 Revare, 10-1 Jenny's Brandy, Nancy Ardross. 12-1 others. 1991; OFFICER GROWLER 7-11-2 N Williamson (7-2) Mrs D Haves 12 ran

2.40 RIPON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE

ı	(41)	,702. 211	(10 Turners)		
l	1	/3-0633	REALLY HONEST 12 (D.F.G) (A Fawcett) M W Easterby 11-12-0	P Midgley	88
ı	2	0-02104	STAR OATS 13 (G) (Ar Duff) G Richards 6-12-0	M Moloney	91
ı	3	512-344	LORD RINUS 113 (D.F) (I Tweedie) J Goulding 5-11-11	C Dennis	85
l	4	160-PP0	EDWARD LEAR 56 (B.D.F) (4 Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-7	W Dwan	91
l	5	00F4	NORTHERN GLINT 7 (B) (P Grundy) N Tankler 5-11-4	F Leahy	60
1	ā		KIRSTENBOSCH 18 (J Galbradh) L Lungo 5-11-4	F Perratt	68
l	7		JUST A MEMORY 7 (D.F) (Central Racing Ltd) C Trietine 6-11-2	D Bridgweter	85
ĺ	8	05-PP00	HITCHENSTOWN 13 (S) Doe Park Pariners M O Neil 9-11-2	P Murray	
ı			WIMBORNE 16 (CO.F) (Wetherby Recing Bureau Plc) R Basiman 7-10-12	H Bastiman	98
ı			RED SCORPION 258 (T Finch) J Oliver 8-10-11	G Thomson	93
ı			DERRY REEF 31 (BF) (M Dods) M Dods 5-10 11	D Bentley	96
ı			CHANTILLY DAWN 16 (J Haynes) J Haynes 8-10-7	D J Moffatt	98
l			GREAT FUN 31 (K Wheldon) Mrs J Remoden 410-3	R Hodge	93
l			BELLA BANUS 16 (D.G.S) (S Templeton) J Birkett 10-10-0	D J Barry	_
l	15		ANOTHER MARCH 18 (C Dobson) J Birkett 5-10-0	F Myrtegh	86
ĺ	16		MUZO 10 (G Fry) J Bradley 5-10-0	B Clifford	87
ı	17		SOVEREIGN NICHE 5 (B) (N Maller) N Maller 4-10-0 .	J Supple	
ı	18		ROSTOVOL 33 (J Lumsten) D Franks 7-10-0	РСап	
ı	_	-	r Bolin Bonno C 17 Amethor Moreh G-10 Mista GA Saucrovan Nicha C.7		
	1.00		Y MARS GARAGO 17 AMERICA MARCON (L.M.) MISS MAK YANGAMIN NIPRA W./		

BETTING: 9-2 Really Honest, 5-1 Great Fun 6-1 Derry Reef, 7-1 Wimborne 8-1 Star Cats Sovereign Nich 10-1 Lord Rinus Chantilly Dawn 12-1 Edward Lear Just A Memory 14-1 others 1991; BONANZA 4-11-5 R Hodge (3-1 ji-lav) Mrs.G Reveley 18 ran

3.10 PETER VAUX MEMORIAL TROPHY

(Handicap chase; £2,574: 3m 1f 80yd) (11 runners) D Bentley (7) 92
P A Farrall 94
L Wyer 99
R Supple 84
N Smith (3) 97
Miss J Thurlow 94 1 14-1FFF CHOICE CHALLANGE 73 (BF.F.G.S) (D Sals) M Hammond 9-12-0 1 14-1FFF CHOICE CHALLANGE 73 (8F.F.G. 5) (D Sals) M Hammond 9-12-0
2 454-32P DECENT MAN 18 (8F.S) (J Read) P Beautmont 9-11-2
3 LI-8232 SAMFEN 12 (B.CD.BF.F.G.S) (F Ballerd) M H Easterby 10-10-13
4 24325-P CHANGE THE NAME 9 (8.G.S) (R Bethell) B Rothwell 9-10-9
5 2F2122 BRIG'S GAZELLE 13 (CD.G) (Mrs C Park.) I Park 10-10-6
6 431352 NORTHERN MEADOW 52 (D.F.S) (S Chedwick.) 5 Chadwick. 11-10-5
7 P322/F3 LA PLUME 12 (F) (F Ruddock.) P Beautmont 11-10-4
8 3P/45-P CANDY CONE 15 (CD.F.G.) (R Brewis) R Brewis 12-10-2
9 54243P MAJIC RAIN 5 (S) (North East Ricing Cub Ltd.) G Coalsworth 7-10-1
10 PSUPUS QUARRY TOWN 14 (F) (Mrs E Elis.) C Coyne 9-10-0
11 5P45-FP THE POD'S REVENGE 9 (8.5) (W Williams) M O Neil 7-10-0 C Hawkins C Brownless A Memgan

Long handscap: The Pod's Revenge 9-13 BETTING: 7.2 Bing s Gazelle, 4-1 Decent Man. 5-1 Majic Rain. 6-1 Samten. 7-1 Choice Challange. 8-1 Norther Meadow. 10-1 The Pad is Revenge. 12-1 others. 1991: BOW HANDY MAN 9-9-11 P Waggott (6-1) Denys Smith. 14 ran.

•	.00	IM FURD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (£10,162; 3m 1f) (7 l	runners)	
1	311-235	AQUILIFER 33 (D.G.S) (B Kalpatrick) M Pape 12-11-12	P Scudamore	87
2	106302	BORACEVA 16 (D.F.G.S) (Duke of Athol) G Bolding 9 (12	J Frost	63
3	PZ4221	GENERAL MERCHANT 3 (R D & S) (Mrs S Tate) R Hodges 12:11:2	MON-RUNNER	
4	11-3112	KINGS FOUNTAIN 56 (BF.F.G) IE Banks) K Bodey 9 11 2	A Tory	• 99
5	122112-	LAUDERDALE LAD 314 (CD.F.S) (Hale Of Secondon Light J. King 10)	1 2 G McCourt	52
6	5PF6-30	ROYAL CRAFTSMAN 112 IF Ct /A flunch A flunch 11 11?	Peter Hobbs	
7	2PFP41-	TURPIN'S GREEN 269 (G) (Lord Vesley) J King 9-11-2	R Dunwoody	50
ΞT		10 Kings Fountain, 7-2 Admitter, 9-2 Refaceval, 7-1 Lauderdale Lett.	10 t Royal Craits	man.

1991: COOL GROUND 9-11-0 J Frost (11-10) R Akehurst 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

AQUILIFER 20 3rd of 17 to Carval 5 Hall in the grade at Cheltenham (2m 41, good to soft) on panultimate start, with BORACEVA (1th berse off) telected 6th BORACEVA (2th berse off) telec

C	.~~	SECURAL MEMORI DES CUASE (12,030 ; 200) (14 (00)	usial	
1	P-31253	THE SHY CONTROLLER 33 (B,CD,G) (M Bateman) Mrs J Priman 7-19	9 M Priman	• 99
2	00/1-047	BELSTONE FOX 62 (BF.G) (Mrs. f) Skan) D Nicholson 7:11-2	R Dunwoody	
3	25/003-0	BUMPTIOUS BOY 17 (CD.F) (T.P. Buncion) A. J. Wilson # 11 2	A Webb	82
4	425-513	COOLE DODGER 35 (D.S) (Wis & Scarle) G Ham 7-11-2	& Powell	
5	0	COTAPAXI 17 IMrs B Lock) 9 Hodges 7 11 2	Lawrence	84
6	330021	J IMPERIAL FLIGHT 10 (CD.F) (Mass S Douglas Pennant) J King 7-11 2	G McCourt	
7	P3F404	L MASTER SOUTH LAD 10 (H Carnell & Son Ltd) N Michell 8-11 2	D Skyrme	98
8	000	/ PARKY PETE 1798 (B Screen) & Screen 11-11-2	A Jones	
9	2346-PF	POLDER 15 (D.F) (Berkshire Commercial Components Ltd) D Williams 6-11	2 R Sellamy	
	FP/F	REGAL TIGER 33 (G Roe) G Roe 7-11 2		
1	3P/6SP(N Wattagemson	
	001	STORM ALERT 19 (L1 Col W Whetherly) A Turnel 6-11-2	S McNer	
3	F11/3F1	- TRUISM 440 (D.F) (Mrs K Sluart) Mrs J Retter 7-11-2	_	
4	04450-0	RECIDIVIST 42 (D.F) (Mrs S Perry) R Hodges 6-10-11	A Tory	

BETTING: 11-8 The Shy Controller, 3-1 Betstone Fox, 5-1 Master South Lad. 8-1 Trusm, 10-1 Coole Dodge 14-1 Impenal Flight, 16-1 others

1991: MARIA BUKA 5-10-2 X Cadorel (11.2) S Cargeeg (Fr) 13 ran

FORM	FOCUS
THE SHY CONTROLLER (9)-1 3rd of 11 to Cyphrate in a newce chase at Warwick 12m good-with REGAL TIGER putled up before 5 out BEL-STONE FOX 14 4th of 5 to Gran Alba in the grade it Gerry Fedden Hurdle at Newbury [2m 100yd, good to soit] on penultimate start Makes chasing debut COOLE DODGER beat Nikidas 11 in a 14 runner newse hurdle at Newbury 11 in a 15 runner newse hurdle at Newbor Abbot 12m 100yd, soft) on penultimate start Makes chasing debut COTA-PAXI 17'01 6th of 14 to Bounden Duly in a newco	chase at W. TIOUS BOY IMPERIAL I handican in penultimate before 2 ou Celtic Bot Devon (2m Makes chast Selection.

chase at Wolverhampton (2m, good), with BUMP-TIOUS BOY 11-17 fb IMPERIAL FLIGHT 31-12 and at 8 to 1, Uomo Piu in a handicap hurdle at Dovon (2m 11 good to firm) on penultimate start, with ROMFUL PRINCE pused up before 2 out, Makes chasing debut TRUISM best cellic Bob 21 in an 11-runner handicap hurdle at Devon (2m 11, good to firm) in December 1990 Makes chasing debut Selection. THE SHY CONTROLLER

4.30 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE (Div 1: 4-Y-O: £1,590; 2m) (12 runners)

L		TO THE REPORT OF THE PARTY (DIV I. + 1-0. £1,000. SIII) (i E i Ulii i 1843 j	
1	P034	SLASKET HERO 8 (8) (Automorque (Bournemouth) Ltd) R Ake	strutsi 110 J Osborne	90
2	05	BUSTINO BAY 8 (P Sheehan) D Shaw 11 0	I Lawrence	
3	4	DIBLOOM 10 (Mrs P Lee) C Nash 11-0	Mrs P Nash (7)	75
4	053606	LANSDOWNE 9 (R Denmead) D O New 11-0	V Slattery (5)	76
5	06	LARK RISE 22 (P Evans) C Weedon 110	Pater Hobbs	76
6	F	RIVERWISE 45 (A Saeed) N Gaseloe 11-0	G McCourt	_
7	000P	TSAR ALEXIS 9 (8) (J Warren) C Popham 11-0	—	54
8	036	VAL D'AUTHIE 38 (J. Joseph) M Pipe 11-0	P Scudamore	94
9	364	VALIANT WARRIOR 12 (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 11-0	R Durwoody	99
0	05	MORTHERN OPTIMIST 12 (B Llowellyn) B Llowellyn 10-9	Mr J L Liewellyn (7)	_
1	030P	PARISIAN EXPRESS 9 (D Bass) K Connection Brown 10-9	J Frost	B4
2		PRIMA AURORA 16 (Lord Crawshaw) C Brooks 10-9	G Bradley	_
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1991: VENTURIST 10-10 R Durwoody (14-1) N Hendarson 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

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BLASKET HERO 20: 4th of 12 to Scent Of Battle in a novice hundle at Folkestone (2m 110yd, solt), with BUSTINO BAY 30: 5th DIBLOOM 32: 4th of 10 to	
Plang Of Fortune in a novice hurdle of Plampton (2m. good). LANSDOWNE 197 8th of 17 to Kashan in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m. good) on penultimale	İ
siant LARK RISE 28'si 6th of 20 to Halkopous in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to firm) RIVER-	
WISE 3rd and beaten when tell last behind Obje s	ı

Tram in a 10-runner novice handle at Wolverhampton (2m. good) VAL D'AUTHE 4'-4' 3id of 15 fo Fight To Win in a novice hardle at Delon (2m. 11, good to Ism) VALLANT WARRIOR 7'-4'-4th of 12 to Staunch Friend in a novice hardle at Newbory (2m. 100yd. good) PARISIAN EXPRESS 111 3rd of 14 to Coole Dodger in a novice hardle at Newton Abbot (2m. 100yd., solf) in January Selaction: VALLANT WARRIOR

5.00 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE

J.	UV I	RERE MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: 4-Y-0; £1,576; 2m) (12 run	ners)	
1	00430	ANARUKA 13 (B Salm) S Metor 11-0	. M Perrett	92
2	P	BLUE AEROPLANE 43 (Mrs. S. Russell) P. Nicholls 11-0	S Burrough	
3	0350FP	CROESO 35 (B Thome) G Charles Jones 11-0	B Powell	55
4	B05	MARSH WARBLER 35 (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 11-0	J Frost	60
5	062	MISTER MAJOR 17 (B Keay) G Balding 11-0	R Guest	• 99
6	00	OL DE LOIR 16 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 11-0	R Dunwoody	
7	5	THE BLACK MONK 15 (Pice Scudemore Racing II Pic) M Pipe 11-0	P Scudarzore	
8	P00	THUHOOL 19 (E Nott) R Rows 11-0	. T Grandum	69
9	FO	WINOSKI 8 (D Williams) D Williams 11-0	N Thomas (7)	_
10	06	JERVANDHA 13 (D Jervis) Mrs H Parrott 10-9	D Leahy (7)	_
11		PHILOSTRA (A Smith) A Turnell 10-9	L Harvey	
12	0	THUNDER BUG 15 (C Wycht) A fames 10-9	R Ballamy	

BETTING: Evens The Black Monk, 4-1 Muster Major, 5-1 Blue Aeroplane, 8-1 Anaruka, 10-1 others

	FORM F
ANARUKA 2¼1 3rd ol 17 to die al Werdsor (2m, good) BLUE AEROPLANE, a useft amped poorly and pulled Days Of Thunder in an 8-n Plumgton (2m, good)	on penultimate start of performer on the Flat, up before tast behind unner novice hurdle at

pulled up belove last behand | (2m 2, good) | (2m 2

3.40 WENSLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,165: 2m) (17 ru

	TENSET NOTICES NUMBER (E1, 100. 211) (17 (UITHEIS)		
50351	SHAWWAL 12 (CD,G) Parsons R O'Leary 5-11-11.		8-
063-0	BEAUCADEAU 33 (T Barnes) M Barnes 6-11-4.	B Storey	61
٥	CAREFREE TIMES 13F (B,BF) (Mrs J Taylor) J Norton 5-11-4	P Harley	_
262652	HYPNOTIST 13 (P Goodalf) W Bentley 5-11-4	L Wyer	94
003/0-8	JAVERT 132 (Mrs M Kendalf) Mrs M Kendalf 7-11-4	Mrs M Kendali	65
34-40P	KIRSTY'S COMET 12 (Mrs K McClelland) Miss L Perratt 6-11-4	L O'Hare	6
6	PRIMINO 12 (G Mason) T Tale 7-11-4	. Ř Beggan	75
	SALMAN 8F (5 Norton) S Norton 6-11-4	R Hodge (5)	-
4225	STEF THE GREEK 47 (BF) (S Stefanou) M Hammond 5-11-4	P Niven	-
	FREE STYLE 881F (Mrs N Ross) P Besumon: 6-10-13	P A Farrell	
ᅄ	MALVERN MADAM 17 (Belimor Stud) J Eyro 5-10-13	A Multipoliand	
0	COOL PARADE 55 (V) (Four Gentlemen) G Moore 4-10-8.	 R Supple 	
	JENDEE 13 (J Hallens) J Hellens 4-10-8	C Grant	84
0	RINGLAND 19F (S Dinsmore) P Hastern 4-10-8	J Çallaghan	75
	SOUSON 517F (W Van Moppes) M W Easterby 4-10-8 .	R Garritty	
	TAPATCH 128F (Miss V Foster) G Moore 4-10-8	 M Dwyer 	
3	RUN MILADY 12 (Scotnorth Recing Ltd) Mrs S Austin 4-10 3.	D Wilkinson	93
	Rengland, 9-2 Primmo, 5-1 Hypnotist, 6-1 Tapatch, 8-1 Shawwal, Run Mi 5 Salman, Cool Parade, 14-1 others	lady, 10-1 Jendec	Ste

BETT The G 1991: APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 4 10-1 W Bentley (7-2) G Moore 15 ran

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4.	, I U 6	RETA BRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,346: 2m) (13 run	ners)	
1	2-14235	MAREJO 18 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 11-12-0	B Storey	90
2	323224	TRESIDDER 33 (CD,G,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 10-12-0	R Garritty	90
		STAY AWAKE 33 (CD.F.G.S) (A Donnellon) J J O'Neil 5-11-12	M Dwyer	87
4	2FFF0-5	WIND FORCE 44 (D,F.G) (J Moreton) G Richards 7-11-10	N Doughty	
5		BARKISLAND 16 (B,D,S) (J Vesich) P Beaumoni 8-11-5	P A Farrell	65
6		CAVALIER CROSSETT 12 (CD,F,G.S) (E Caine) E Caine 11 11 3	Mr R Hale (7)	84
7		COSMIC RAY 33 (D.F.G.S) (Sunpak Potatoes) Mrs V Acontey 7-11-0	P Midgley (7)	94
В	32243/1	RINGMORE 8 (CD.F.G.S) (Mrs. J Askew) J Parkes 10-10-12 (Je-)	N Smith (3)	99
9		IMPANY 43 (CD,F,G,S) (J J O'Neill) J J O'Neill 13 10-8	F Murtagh (5)	81
10		POSITIVE ACTION 28 (CD,F) (G Campbell) M Barnes 6-10-5	. L O'Hara	81
31	11/1-F4	THE HOUGH 15 (F,G) (M Moylan) Mrs G Reveloy 11-10-4	P Niven	80
		MASTER SALESMAN 17 (D.F.G) (Mrs 8 Bill) 8 Rothwell 9-10-3	R Supple	93
13	60-0406	LAVROSKY 12 (D.G) (J Simpson) B Willinson B-10-1	D Bentley (7)	92
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BETTING: 9-4 Rangemore, 9-2 Cosmic Ray. 5-1 Stay Awake, 6-1 Marejo, 8-1 Tresidder, Bailusland, 10-1 The Hough, Impany 12-1 others 1991: MAREJO 10-11-12 B Storey (11-10 fav) F Walton 9 ran

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Saturday switch for Ayr sprint

THE Ayr Gold Cup has been switched to a Saturday in a move designed to stimulate the historic

race's profile. This is the first time that the Ladbrokes-sponsored sprint handi-

cap will be run on that day. Racecourse manager Mark Kershaw explained: "It will give an opportunity for as many people as possible to come and see the race live. and will be the climax of a tremen-

dous four days' racing at Ayr. "It will also maximise the television audience, and off-course betting will increase substantially."

The Scottish course is also hoping to stage the Ladbroke Silver Cup on the same day. September 19. The Jockey Club is currently considering

plans for the new race, designed for horses that cannot run in the Gold Cup because it is oversubscribed. Ladbrokes' spokesman Mike Dil-lon said: "We feel there is little doubt that the Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup will

now feature in our top ten betting races of the year." Haydock Park is offering incentives for long-distance travellers to contest the Greenalls Gold Cup on February 29. Allowances will be paid for all runners that fail to win prize-money

- ranging from £100 to those travelling up to 75 miles, to £200 for those making a journey exceeding 150 miles.

There is also a £50,000 bonus if one of the first three home in the race goes on to win the Grand National.

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Giant slalom claims leading contenders

More favourites fall from grace as Wiberg clicks

FROM DAVID POWELL in Méribel

AFTER Alberto Tomba, norterday. Normal, in the Alpine skiing at these Olympics. means that the favourites do not win, and this time the luminaries did not even get halfway. Vreni Schneider. Petra Kronberger and Deborah Compagnoni all failed to finish the morning run in the women's giant slalom.

When the skiers went to the gate for the afternoon run. the record books were being thumbed for Ulrike Maier. She had built a good lead and, yes it was true, she had proven her temperament for the big occasion with two world championship supergiant slalom wins. Now Maier was favourite. So, of course, she lost.

She did not even get a medal Pernilla Wiberg, from Sweden, came from second on the first run to add the Olympic gold to her world championship victory in Saalbach last year. The silver was shared between Diann Roffe, of the United States, and Anita Wachter, of Austria, the first time since 1964 that a tie had occurred.

If Wiberg was world cham-pion, why was she not one of the favourites? Because this year her World Cup performances have been ordinary.

The first races of the season I had pressure from Sweden that I was going to win every competition," Wiberg said. "I think that is why I did so well today, because the

O'Reilly

going

for gold



Neither Roffe nor Wachter was expected on the podium either. Roffe had started the second run in ninth place. "I thought I gave too much time to the leaders," she said. And giant slalom this season had been only ninth.

Schneider was attempting the same touble as Tomba. defending Olympic slalom and giant-slalom titles. She still has the slalom today, but the giant slalom slipped from her grasp when she broke a pole and Switzerland's

The Swiss, expecting a mountain of medals, have managed only one with just the slaloms to come. Schneider threw herself to the ground in frustration.

Kronberger fell but will be back today. Compagnoni will not. Her victory in the super-giant slalom on Tuesday, combining with Tomba for precedented thinking at Gazzetta Dello Sport, her country's sports daily. The paper devoted its first 13 pages to skiing and the international football preview lost its traditional front-page

But Compagnoni's tri-umph turned to tears as she fell and ruptured knee ten-dons. The way had been cleared for Carole Merle, the nation's main hope for gold, but her supporters were to be disappointed again. Compagnoni had taken the supergiant slalom title from her grip and she could not make nends and was sixth. Wachter saw nothing sinis-

ter in the fact that one of her nation's coaches had set the course for the first run, which an Austrian, Maier, had dominated, and that one of Wiberg's, a Swede, had set it for the second. "I do not think that any coach can trail a course for his own team," Wachter said.

Emma Carrick-Anderson, of Britain, aged 16 and sevenmore Swede than Austrian. pulling herself up from 31st on the first run to 23rd after the second.

Wiberg, aged 21, tries for the double in the slalom today. The slalom is the event she had thought she would do best in. "I set my goals for the slalom because I had my best results this season in it," she said. But my advice is not to back her. Last night she was being talked of as the



On top of the world: Wiberg adds an Olympic gold medal to her world title

Rumble and tumble in the valley of the White Fear

Les Arcs

MICHAEL Prufer, from Sa-WILF O'Reilly and Matt Jasvoie, who grew up alongside the mentally handicapped children at a school run by of the Winter Olympics in the his parents and knows the privilege of normality, is the fastest mechanically unaiding in Albertville today. First, they must negotiate the quarter-finals and semied man on earth. He admits to a certain amount of danger in the sport known as "The White Fear".

finals, but the British camp is supremely confident. "Wilf is going to win gold." Dave Jordan, the team manager, said. "There is absolutely no doubt about that whatsover." Jasper begs to differ, with

Jordan conceding: "Will's got a problem because Matthew says he's going to win it, too!" O'Reilly, aged 27, from Sutton Coldfield, still stands out as the best British Winter Olympic prospect since the ice dancers, Torvill and Dean, in Sarajevo in 1984. He won two demonstration golds at the Calgary Games in 1988.

Jasper, the world silver medal winner, from Draycott, Derbyshire, recorded a faster time than O'Reilly, the world champion, as he coasted into the quarter-

Archie Marshall, Jasper's coach, said: "I think Will is the best in the world and Matthew is very close.

"If they got into the final together. I wouldn't bet against Matthew beating Wilf. There's no sure thing in this sport and that's what adds to the excitement."

Jasper, a student, aged 19. has the more testing quarter-final — against Michel Isihara Tatsuyoshi, from Japan, and Lee Joon-ho, of

DAVID MILLER!

neath Mt Aiguille Rouge, the snow deep and unblem-ished, the sun stronger than the Caribbean. Idyllic. Down the mountain, ev-

ery half-minute or so, came these men and women; mad, you would think, in His world speed skiing record is 139.741 mph and. turistic streamlined helmets and aerofoiled calf yesterday, he went close to muscles. Inter-galactic figures apthis, at approaching

125mph, in preparation for the finals on Saturday. pearing, at first, as tiny dots on the precipitous upper slope, plummeting like a jet Prufer, a bachelor, who works as a consultant at and leaving a plume of hospitals in Grenoble and snow spray, passing through the speed trap in the tightest tuck, feet 20 St Étienne, was the World Cup winner last year and is inches apart, the merest clear favourite this week. He was, however, out-paced in the second of three pebble capable of causing catastrophe.

'There's a lot of research practice runs yesterday by his compatriot, Philippe medicine and in speed Goitschel, and John Mueller, of the United skiing. Maybe that's why I am the fastest because I States, ranked second and know how to make reeighth respectively last

search," Prufer says.
"Speed skiing is 50 per cent equipment and half the performance of the athlete. You need to have that technological edge. I hecame interested in the sport because I felt I could apply scientific research to it. The right helmet can mean a hampionship."

Vince Poscente, of Canada, after a run that left him in thirteenth place, said, "I don't expect the world record will be broken this week unless the weather becomes warmer. Although the snow is perfect, it's too dry and needs a slightly moist surface for the high-

est speeds."
The oldest individual hur-

tling downwards yesterday was that former veteran of the slalom slopes, former racing driver and inveterate adventurer, Davina Galica, of Britain, aged 47. Approaching her half-century does not persuade her to contemplate a more cau-

tious approach to life. She and Donnah Cor-minboeuf are Britain's this demonstration sport and are less offended than I think I would be at not even being mentioned in the official team handbook.

"The course is like a bil-liard table," Galica said. never minding the geometrical inaccuracy of such an observation. "It's perfect but I've not skied at these speeds for three years. "We've had no opportuni-

ty to train at such speed; a trip to Sweden was can-celled because there was no snow. I don't even know which of my two pairs of skis is the faster."

The leader of the women in training yesterday was Tarja Mulari, of Finland. the No. 1 seed. Galica and Corminboeuf were skiing consistently around fifteenth position. Representing British men are the Wilkie brothers, Graham and Stuart, Marc Poncin and Jonathan Elabor.

Considering that skiing fast down a mountain, even at 100mph. is of little benefit to anyone but themselves, it seems a shame that the Wilkies do go on a bit about the lack of sponsorship in Britain, which Graham claims drove him abroad. In the World Cup rankings last year. Graham was fifth and Stuart twelfth.

Phipps shuts out Olsson again

FROM CHRIS MOORE IN LA PLAGNE

NICK Phipps will drive the No. 2 British bob in tomorrow's Olympic four-man bobsleighing competition here after winning yesterday's selection race-off against Sean Olsson.

Phipps. aged 39, confirmed he would be retiring after 11 years as a driver meeting in St Moritz next week. That's where I started driving at my first bob school in 1982, and that's where I'm going to have my last race," he said.

Phipps, who last week beat Olsson in the race-off for the Olympic two-man event here. won by only 0.09sec yesterday. His crew of Edd Horier. Colin Rattigan, and David Armstrong was 0.22sec faster on the first run in 59.49sec. but lost the second by 0.13sec. "I know exactly how Sean feels after missing, myself, in both races at Calgary at the last Games," Phipps

"But he is still very young.



Phipps: retiring

WINTER OLYMPICS RESULTS

Games, in Lillehammer in 1994, he will be up there with the best. He's already the best Now he's got to build a crew like Mark Tour's and he'll

really be in business." Phipps was always the more relaxed going into yesterday's showdown, though tally drained" by the build-up to the two-man race-off.

"That race nearly killed me." he said. "It was the most pressure I have felt in my whole career. Getting through it made things a lot easier today because this time I was completely at ease with the situation."

Yesterday's training was twice interrupted after the Jamaican and Mexican teams had crashed. But the real sympathies were for Ekkhard Fasser, of Switzerland, the Olympic four-man champion in Calgary. Just four minutes before the Swiss selection race, Werner Stocker, Fasser's brakeman, pulled a thigh muscle warming up, forcing the team's withdrawal.

Officials plan to tighten qualifying rules for the Olympic bobsleighing in a bid to weed out inexperienced drivers. Klaus Kotter, the head of the International Bobsleigh Federation, said yesterday the ban on weak competitors could also cover other sports in the winter Games, like skiing.
"The days of just turning are over."

up and competing are over." Kotter said. "It doesn't work any more. It looks like the end for people like Eddie

D7.90 and 17.90; Curling 09.00; Biathlon: men's 20km. 09.00, 13.00; Alpine skiling: women's statom 11.00; Speed skating: men's 10.000m. 18.30; Short track speed skating: men's 1.000m; women's 3.000m relay. 12.15, 16.15 and 20.16; loe hockey; three ranking comes.

08.00: Bobsleigh four-man 09.00: Gross country, women's 30km, 10,45: Speed skuing: semi-finals 11.00 and 17.00: Curing, 18.30: Figure skating: women a free programme, 12,15, 16.15, 20,15: Ica hockey: one ranking game, two semi-finals.

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ranking games.

Tomorrow

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RUGBY UNION

Ackford poised for place on RFU committee

By Dayid Hands, Rugby correspondent

PAUL Ackford is poised to cómplete a remarkable year. If the recommendation that he become Surrey's representative on the Rugby Football Union committee goes through at the annual meeting in July, he will have been an international player, newspaper columnist, BBC pundit and committeeman within an eight-month span. All this and a distinguished police

career, too.
Ackford, 34 next week, re-tired from international rug-by after the World Cup final ances in England's second row, concluding a remarkable representative playing career that began when he was a Cambridge University student in 1979, but did not take off until 1988. He then rapidly became one of the outstanding front jumpers in wo<u>rld rugby.</u>

Surrey, recognising his administrative gifts, have agreed to nominate him as a replacement for Martin Turner, who will retire at this year's annual meeting. Turner, aged 70, who played on the wing for England, is one of only four former caps among the constituent-body the RFU committee (the others are Don White, Malcolm

Phillips and Derek Morgan). Not since Tony Jorden, the former England full back and another Cambridge graduate, stepped on to the com-mittee in 1976 as a representative of Eastern Counties at the age of 30 will a player have made such a rapid transition.

Peter Budge, the Surrey secretary, said yesterday that Acklord was the choice of the executive committee. The 120 clubs which are affiliated ment of Paul's ability to represent the county effectively," he said. "He is clearly an excellent administrator and communicator and we feel it is important that the RFU hears the views of people who are close to the modern Ackford, a former Surrey

captain who once advanced the recommendation to improve rugby that all "alickadoos" — committeemen - should retire after they reach 55, was one of the England squad representaives last year when its promotional campaign was being debated with the RFU com-mittee. Should he prove acceptable to Surrey, he could be joined by another recent international, since Cambridge University are expected to nominate their secretary, Mark Bailey, the wing who retired last year, to replace Ian Beer when he is elevated to the presidency in

Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary and a former Surrey representative, welcomed Ackford's move. "I take the view that those counties who are lucky enough to have two representatives can afford to have one coming through the normal committee system and one in the fast lane," he said. "But I must say I'm delighted with Paul's

☐ Christophe Mougeot, the Bègles lock who left the field after injuring a thigh against England, is not expected to be fit for selection for France's game with Scotland at Murrayfield on March 7. South Africa have con-firmed their participation in the Student World Cup in Italy in July, as have the

Witnesses back injured player

dent States.

against a Nottingham opponent for alleged physical assault is being examined by police, is unlikely to play rugby again and may be without the feeling in part of his face for over a year.

Stefan Marty, captain of the London Irish second team this season, was injured so badly by a punch during the first team's exhibition against the Midlands club on January 18 that he has been unable to work since. He severed a facial nerve, broke his jaw, which now contains a plate, and lost two front teeth. Marty, aged 29, a physical education and history master at Wimbledon College, originally asked for legal advice regarding possible civil action against his alleged assailant but Staines police have taken up the case.

They made an appeal for witnesses to the incident during last weekend's match against Bedford and it is understood three people have come forward with evidence. One was on the touchline

THE injured London Irish when the incident took place layer whose complaint the other two were players on gainst a Nottingham oppothe field. Police are collating the evidence and the file is expected to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions to ascertain whether a charge can be made.

Marty remains under regular supervision. But the club says he and his wife have been so traumatised by the affair that they intend to continue pursuing the question of prosecution and/or compensa-

Ciaran McCarthy, the chief executive of London Irish, said yesterday: "When I last saw Marty, three weeks after the incident, he was still shaking on his feet. The pain and suffering have been terrible.

"However, I should stress that this is not and never has been a club matter in the sense that it is an individual's complaint. We are out of it completely but, despite that, the club will support Stefan in whatever action he sees fit. He wants justice to be seen to be done and we agree with him on that score."

Argentinians given lesson in power

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

Met Police 32

SOLID English forward play outlasted Argentinian exuberance as Metropolitan Police scored seven tries ** three and inflicted only a second defeat on Lomas in their penultimate game of a sixmatch tour of Italy and Britain at Imber Court yesterday. Lomas, from Buenos Aires,

complete their programme against Richmond at the Athletic-Ground on Sunday, to continue a learning process that belies their status as a founder member of the Argentina Rugby Union 101 years ago. They were the first national champions in 1899 and again 14 years later, but not since.

. Lomas struggled to combat the physique and technique of the Police pack, in which Tunn and Skuse excelled. Lomas won such irregular possession from ruck and maul that the backs' potential remained uncharted as the Police moved 14 points ahead

second try from long range and Turner completed a back-row move as Lomas laboured to adjust to more stringent demands, having beaten Felinfoel and Rumney, both by a single point, in their two previous games, in Wales.

Plant, his second of the match, and Sinclair,

Verdier is critical of ice hockey violence

OLYMPIC ice hockey players were criticised yesterday after fighting broke out during the quarter-final between the United States and the host nation. France.

Michele Verdier, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) director of information, said violence had previously been absent from the sport at Olympic level.

"Obviously, it's not pleasant and it's not what the IOC would like to see." Verdier said. "It's now up to the lice hockey federation to take the necessary measures."

Tuesday's quarter-final. won 4-1 by the United States. boiled over in the final minutes into a series of fights, which continued after the final klaxon. The players reluctantly shook hands before leaving the see.

Following another of the

quarter-finals on Tuesday, Germany lodged an official protest with the International ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) over the result of their match with Canada.

The sensation as the ski-

ers go past, mid-slope, through the measured 100 metres, is like the sound of

a Tornado jet flying over-

head at a few thousand feet:

an approaching rumble.

mounting to a thundering.

screaming hiss. The ana-

tomical consequences of losing control at the speed

of the TGV train. do not

bear thinking about.
It was an extraordinary

contrast up here yesterday.

The little village of Les Arcs

2000, dominated by a Club Med complex that looks

like a cruise-liner in the sky, is set in a vast bowl of

moonscape proportions be-

They drew 3-3 after overtime but were eventually beaten in a penalty shootout, giving the Canadians a semifinal tie against Sweden or Czechoslovakia. The Germans claim that

the referee. Seppo Makela, of Finland, gave Canada an unfair advantage by making Germany take the second penalty of the sudden-death

"It clearly stipulates in the rules that we should have taken the first shot once the first series of five penalties had ended level," a German team official said. The IIHF said it was study-

ing the protest. (Agencies)

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Men's 1.000 metres

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Men's 5.000 metres relay New event QUALIFIERS FOR FINAL: South Korea. 7mm 14 07eec (world record) Australia 7.15.10 Canada. 7.15.25 Greet Britan 7.27.87 Italy 7.28.32 Franca 7.38.32. New Zestend 7.21.31 Japan 7.22.43

Women's 500 metres

Now event QUALIFIERS FOR FINAL: K So-Hee (S Kor) 50 99sec A Van Kostsveld (Neth) Imm 00 29sec. C Turcer (US) 47 68sec C Lee Kyung (S Kor) 48 18 X Wang (Chms) 47 49 A Perseult (Car) 48 41 N Vangde (Japan) 48 79 8 Porters (Bel) 49 98 H Ol-sat Havang (N Kor) 48 70 X Rather (F) 49 25 M Korl 48 70 X Rather (F) 49 25 M Cancer III) 47 00 (world record). M Pylaeva (UT) 47 48 M Vetzeboer (Neth) 48 09 I Vissow (UT) 48 28 British non-qualifier: D Palmer 52 24

Demonstration sport Curling

placed by Chris Coleman.

Walker replaced HERSCHEL Walker, the American gridiron player. has been dropped from the United States four-man bobsleigh team and replaced by

an original member of the crew. The Minnesota Vikings running back was scheduled to be the brakeman on the four-man team but is reLomas16 in 16 minutes. Tunn stampeded to the line unopposed, Ferry ran in a

> After a long haul to reduce the Police lead to eight points. Lomas conceded two tries in the final five minutes from

SCORERS: Metropolitan Police: Tries: Pent (2), Farry, Carter, Sincleir, Turner, Turn. Contversions: Sincleir, Williams. Lomas: Tries: Scarano, Sorgos, Coliqueo. Conversions; Judes; (2).

METROPOLITAN POLICE: N Sincles; R Hent, A Carter, R Ferry, R Williams; S Welch, S Irmes; A Stewart, D Jeffery (rec. P Stevenson), R Hunt, P Turner, M Situse, P Thompson, M Gammage (rep: 1 Dobson), J Turn.

Turn.

LOMAS: J Bedacarratz, M Fausciana,
Rosand, A Flodoli, J Trucco, F Esper,
(súb: M Juliraz), M Cabrejas: F Coppole.
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Ghrard, G Divita, G Pérez, L Colignao.
Referes: A Elison (London).

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SQUASH RACKETS

Jackman

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BY COLIN MCQUILLAN A POWERFUL career-first

win by Cassandra Jackman,

the world junior champion.

over Martine Le Moignan.

England's top-ranked player.

carried her IMS Countainds

squad into the driving seat of

the SRA women's Super-

league with the last few fix-

Jackman, aged 19, defeated the tall, left-handed Le

Moignan, aged 28, 3-9, 9-0.

9-3. 9-7 in a decisive 30-

minute second-string rubber

in this week's match against

the Talking Pages squad at

the Windsor and Eton club to

put Courtlands eight points clear on 27 points with two fixtures remaining.

Talking Pages Windsor

have three more fixtures offering a maximum 18 points.

which still allows for a suc-

cessful defence of the title they

took last season, but all will

depend upon what strength

third-placed Reebok Notting-

ham can mount against both

tures approaching.

Supporters begin protest at rise in Old Trafford prices

MANCHESTER United supporters who are angry over the club's plans to .aise ticket prices by up to 54 per cent next season have begun efforts to oppose the scheme. The supporters began their campaign at a meeting at Lancashire cricket club on Tuesday, adopting the name Hostage, which stands for Holders Of Season Tickets Against Gross Exploitation. The campaign's leader, Peter Kenny, said: "Young lads who are currently paying

£6 to stand on the Stretford

End will be asked to pay £12

or £14. They are just not

going to be able to afford it. We believe that Manchester

United are in a unique pos-

ition and should be able to keep their ticket prices to a reasonable level.

The board says that be ause the ground is going all-seate and the capacity will be reduced, they have to increase prices. We do not accept the argument." However, Robin Launders.

the finance director of the club, rejected the criticism. He said: "The capacity of the ground is being brought down because of the Taylor Report and the Football Supporters Act. "We have to go all-seater.

The prices reflect the fact that we will have a lower capacity. We still believe that we offer

Premier League approval likely

THE Premier League should arrive at its final hurdle today (Peter Ball writes). The Football Association council meets at Lancaster Gate to decide whether to ratify the new league, which would then begin next season.

Providing the Football League's rejection on Monday of any restriction on the size of grounds can be accommodated, and that is not certain, the FA's approval seems likely to be granted.

Many councillors will give their consent only with serious misgivings, for there is a strong undercurrent of discontent among the county associations. The objections

of principal and practice. Some councillors feel that the FA has no business getting involved in professional leagues. The second objection is more widespread, many believing that the new league is a long way from the design they approved last year.

But with commercial considerations paramount at Lancaster Gate as well as elsewhere, and the threat of anarchy on the horizon if the league does not receive approval, the FA councillors seem likely to prefer pragmatism to principal and still their misgivings, however

Aldershot plan to go ahead with tomorrow night's fourth division match at home to Mansfield Town after the offer of an eleventh-hour rescue package was presented at a public meeting on Tuesday night. The identity of the would-be saviour is unknown. but part of his proposed deal involves all four directors of the club resigning, along with Trevor Gladwell, the Alder-

The five have agreed to step down in addition to writing off personal loans totalling £300,000. The meeting heard Aldershot's debts confirmed at £1.2 million.

All players participating in this summer's European championship finals in Sweden will have to wear numbers on the front, as well as the back, of their shirts. Additionally, their surnames must be printed above the number on their backs.

The Uefa rules, which are designed to make life easier for referees and spectators by minimising confusion and misunderstanding, dictates that the number on the front must be 10cm high and in the middle, with the name

Glenn Hoddle played for the full 90 minutes for Swin-don Town's reserves against Luton Town's reserves yesterday. Hoddle, the Swindon player-manager, has played only one reserve game since damaging a thigh muscle at Plymouth just over four months ago, but his perfor-mance in the 1-1 draw raised hopes that he would be fit in time for the second division promotion run-in.



Senna returns to the circuit

BY NORMAN HOWELL

AYRTON Senna is back. After his customary winter lay-off in Brazil, the Formula One world champion was at Silverstone yesterday getting reacquainted with the car that brought him his third world title after a hardfought battle with Nigel

Senna looked incongruously tanned in the Northamptonshire grey that cloaked the former aerodrome where McLaren-Honda has been testing all winter. He appeared fit, cheekbones rising sharply from his still-boyish face.

not starting the season. sion not to start in South which opens on March 1 in South Africa, with a new car. Africa with a new car was taken in January. I was in-formed of it then." Instead, McLaren has opted to weather the first three Inside the McLaren base with Gerhard Berger, his races with last season's model. Senna was unusually team-mate, Senna looked

philosophical about this, bearing in mind the pressure he brought to bear on the team last year when he felt mately it is the team's responsibility." With a shrug, that Williams and Renault he dismissed the topic. were overtaking them. "Yes, it is the first time we have started a season without a new car. Some of the equipment was not quite

Senna admitted that it became harder to motivate himself each season. "I don't miss driving as much as I used to. In fact, I could have done with a couple more months' holiday.

the most titles, or be considered the best driver ever. All I am concerned about is to do my best. If I can achieve that, that is good enough to stay on top."
While Senna was lapping

pensive. He added: "I sup-pose I could have put more pressure on them, but ultiat Silvertsone, Ron Dennis, the owner of McLaren was having lunch with John Ma-

RESULTS: SRA Women's Superleaguer Talung Pages Windsor 1. MS Countands 2 (Windsor names first) 5 Devoy Nt L Iving 2. 95, 8 10, 7 9, 90 M Le Mognan lost to C Jackman 93, 0-9, 3-9, 7. 8 10 Mosaic Phory 1, Lee on Solent 2 (Priory natives first) M Mertin bit 1 Souther 91, 95, 96, J Demonck lost to L Charman 0-9, 0-9, 3-9, R 10 Demonck lost to L Charman 0-9, 0-9, 3-9, R 1 Thorley lost to C Mert 4-9, 0-9, 4 Langue positions: 1 Countands, 27pts, 2, Windsor, 19, 3, Northigham, 17, 4, Soleint, 14, 5, Procv. 7 Phory, 7 Leekes Weish Classaic: First round: R Norman (NZ) bit M Carlyon (Aus), 15-9, 15-8, 15-12, 15-10, 15-13, C Walker (Eng) bit A Schreiber (Aus), 11-15, 15-9, 4-15, 15-11, 15-12, PMinitock (Eng) bit B Beeson (Eng), 15-12, 15-6, 15-2

jor. The occasion was the recognition of the success of McLaren and the other sponsors of the team. The prime minister presented Dennis with the Formula ! constructors' trophy. If Senna and Dennis have their way, this might well become an annual

CRICKET

England's women collapse

WENDY Watson, the opening batsman, was the only player to provide any resistance as England were bowled out for 146 on the opening day of the women's Test match against Australia at the North Sydney Oval yesterday (a Special Corres-pondent writes). It is the first women's Test to be scheduled

for five days. Watson, who scored 35, featured in a 46-run stand with her captain, Helen Plimmer, for the first wicker but England, who chose to bat after rain delayed the start, crumbled after Plimmer was out for 26.

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Duff predicts a repeat performance

BOXING



Bryan: resilient

FOOTBALL

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BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division:
Postponed: Hull City v Bolton

BINTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 3.

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH-ES: Scotland 3. Denmark 0 (at Hibernian).

France 0. Portugal 1 (in Cannes)
AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Southern section: First round: Bournemouth 1, Wreaham 2, Pelerborough United 1, Strewskury Town 0 Northern section: Ouarter-final: Rotherham 1, Burnley 1 (act Burnley won 4-2 on pens)
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Grensby Town 3, Southend United 2 Thard division: Grensby Town 3, Southend United 2, Thard division: Blackbort County 1 Fourth division: Blackbord 4, Barnel 2, Doncaster Rovers 2, Hereford United 0 Scarborough 2, Crewe Alaxanda 1,

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tunes and aspirations set them on diverging paths in the Eighties tonight find themselves back where they were four years ago - facing each other at the Scottish Exibition Centre, Glasgow (Srikumar Sen writes).

Then, Gary Jacobs, a promising young Scot, clearly outpointed Delroy Bryan, a struggling welterweight from Nottingham. Tonight, due to a reversal of fortunes in the intervening years, Jacobs finds himself challenging Bryan for the British title.

manager, believes his man will once again prove superior and go on to see world hon-ours. "He beat Bryan by three rounds then and I've got him back in the same ring and the same venue and he'll do it again," Duff said.

Those who saw the former World Boxing Council (WBC) international champion and Commonwealth title-holder slapped down by Buddy McGirt in New York in 1989 do not believe the Scot will be the same again. Whereas defeat was no dis-

FOR THE RECORD

6.53sec: 2, R Stewart (Jam), 6.58; 3, L Burrell (US), 6.58; 60m hurdless: 1, C Hawkons (US), 7.54; 2, C Jackson (G6), 7.60, 3, R Nehemish (US), 7.60; 200m: 1, S Till (II), 20 88; 2, M Marsh (US), 20.90; 3, S Floris (II), 21, 18, 400m: 1, F Grossi (II), 48.68; 800m: 1, G Kecsh (US), 1 min 45, 90sec; 2, D Abdersouz (Ag), 146; 87; 3, O Dlarra (Sen), 148, 87; 1,500m: 1, A Gocondi (II), 35, 21; 2, 2, M Selvedore (II), 353, 03, 000m: 1, J Barle (Ken), 7,49,33; 2, Z Czturk (Tur), 750,41, 3, F Peits (II), 751,18, Shot: 1, V Liho (C5), 19, 76m: 2, V Bulst (C3), 19, 34; 3, A Andrei (II), 185m: equal 2, M Sunnerborn (See) and 6 Evançelisti (II), 7, 83m. Polo vault: equal 1, S Huffman (US), 50der (See), 2,28m; equal 2, T Kerne (Beht) and A Ortis (So), 220, Women: 50 metras: 1, M Ottey (Jam), 7, 03sec, 2, J Cuthbert (Jam), 7, 17; 3, M Flnn (US), 7, 22, 60m hurdless: 1, L Nascehleinlo (CS), 7, 78, 2, L Yufwowd (US), 5, 37, 1, 500m; 1, D Mehrins (Rom), 4mn 95 10sec; 2, N Artyonove (CS), 827 (US), 5, 17 1,500m; 1, D Mehrins (Rom), 4mn 95 10sec; 2, N Artyonove (CS), 4,06 26; 3, M Ahrais (Swe), 4,07 74, 3,000m: 1, M Guids (II), 8,38,60; 2, K Murcheson (G8), 2,14,12; 3, S Bottcelle (II), 926 72 Long jump: 1, H Drecheler (Ger), 7 10m, 2, Kravels (CIS), 6 85m, 3, L Bereznapa (CIS), 6 80m.

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DEN BOSCH. The Netherlands: Thomas Cup: Preliminary round: Group Bireland 5, Cyprue 0; Eps 5, Maira 0, Group C: United States 5, Mayritue D; Wales 5, Italy 0, Indonesia 5, Talwan 0 Group D: Jamasca 5, Lusembourg 0; Austra 6, Bulgaris 0, Group F; Iceland 5, Belgarin 0; Portugal 3, Mexico 2, Iceland 3, Portugal 2; France 4, Mexico 1, Uber Cup: Group A; South Ainca 4, Isaly 1; Cyprus 5, Lusembourg 0; Final standings; 1, South Ainca 4, Bonts 2, Supra, 2, 4, Lusembourg 0; Group B; Iceland 4, Mexico 1, Hungary 4, Switzerland 1, Group C; Firland 4, Austra 1, United States 5, Belgium 0, Group D; Wales 5, Spaln 0, Australesis zone; (in Hong Kong) Thomas Cup: Thelland 4, Andia 1; South Kores 5, New Zesland 0; Japan 3, Hong Kong 2, Uber Cup: Thelland 3, Australe 2 South Korea 5, India 0, Japan 5, Hong Kong 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 110, Secrethenic Kings 97. Detroil Pisions 117. Orlando Magic 95. Miwastee Bucks 128. Cevetand Cava-tiers 116. Philedelpha 78ess 94. Detas Mevericks 90. Portland Trail Blazers 129. Phoerus Suns 118.

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: The Georges Prade Cup (Handicap) 1, JN Prade (Fr). 157.48, 2, D son Robentuon (Ger). 158.68, 3, G. R. Schlieper (Ger). 162.13, 4, J Ludescher (Switz). 162.43, 5, J. B. Beinecke (US). 163.51, 8, A N G Howe (GB). 164.35

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Harare: Four-day match: Zimbabwe B 230 (J Rennie 84. P Henderson 5 for 51: 8 Brown 4 for 45); Durham 305 for 3 (S Hutton 143. G Brown 65. J Glandenen 51).

win the WBC title by defeat-ing the formidable Simon Brown — the bout was still a match-making error.

Lawson springs a surprise Britain, there are four in Aus-

having a difficult time in the Midland Bank world indoor championships until Gary Lawson, aged 26, a New Zealander, surprised Graham Robertson, the No. 15 seed, at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday (David Rhys Jones

ready, so it was decided to go

for reliability. I don't know if

we'll be at a disadvantage or

Rob Parrella, of Australia, had inflicted the only defeat on a home player, while eight other visitors had fallen at the first hurdle. This might not appear too surprising, given that while there are nearly 400 indoor bowls arenas in

TENNIS

tralia and one in New Lawson, however, com-

petes regularly indoors, at the Royal Oak Club, Auckland, and has won the New Zealand singles title on carpet and on grass. Robertson, a dour cam-

paigner from East Lothian who is famous for making comebacks, was given a taste of his own medicine, losing

the first two sets after getting into winning positions. The Scot led 6-3 in the first

success.

but dropped successive doubles which gave the New Zealander, who has been practising daily before dawn with lan Schuback, of Australia, an unexpected straight-sets victory.

Then, 6-5 up in the second

set he saw Lawson escape

with a double for another 7-6

Again in the third set, Rob-

ertson led 4-3 after five ends.

RESULTS: First round: H Duff (Scot) bit I McClure (Ire), 7-2, 5-7, 7-5, 7-2; G Lawson (NZ) bt G Robertson (Scot), 7-6, 7-6, 7-4.

SCORES: England 146 (Mason 6-40) Tsakurs 4-27) Austroka 0-0

set, but conceded three ends IN BRIEF

Challengers hold sway over Koch

Round robin two of the America's Cup defender seection trials ended with Bill Koch's America3 well in control of Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes, but the challengers remain better placed than either to win the trophy.

New Zealand, Italy, France and Japan have done thousands of miles more two-boat testing off San Diego, but they regard America3, with her narrow maximum beam. as an advance in the long. heavy, large sail-area corner

Myers listed

Rugby league: Wigan have placed David Myers on the transfer list for £125,000. Gary Price will miss Featherstone Rovers' cup quarter-final against Castleford with injury.

Pendrigh double

Rackets: Nigel Pendrigh, the British amateur, became the first player for two decades to win both the rackets and real tennis events in the Tuxedo Gold Racket championship.

Buxton honoured Golf: Nicola Buxton, aged 18, of Huddersfield, the English women's amateur cham-

Golf Foundation award.

Piquet changes gear Motor racing: Nelson Piquet, the three-times Formula One world champion, has signed to race in this year's Indianapolis 500 race.

Three-day trial

Equestrianism: The Allen and Harris Savernake Forest Horse Trials in Wiltshire are to host the Olympic three-day event final mal on 5 July replacing the cancelled Althrop competition Nonhamptonshire.

SNOW REPORTS

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... 200 240 good open snow (Excellent deep powder skiing with all lifts operating)

SCOTLAND: Calengorm. Shang remains limited to the Plarmigan basin with Core na Cisto tow run and Plarmigan run Fresh show on a firm base. Lecht: All runs complete but thin and narrow in places. Adequate nursery areas Vortical descent 700ff. Glencoo: Main. Basin. Canyon.

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(Wright), BOB LORD TROPHY: Semi-finals, second legs: Attnochem 1, Runcom 3 (Runcom win 5-2 on egg): Mycombe win 2-0 on egg) on egg)
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUPCuarter-final: Swaneea City 0, Cardiff
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SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE Ards 0, Coleraire 1.
BASS IRISH CUP: Shith round replays: Crusaders 2, Limavady 0; Linfield 3, Banbridge 0, Bellymens 3, Omagh 0, HARP LAGER FAI CUP: First round, replay: Moyle Park 1, Glenmore Celtic 0 DIADORA LEAGUE Premier division: Bromley 0, Marlow 0, Enfield 3, Harrow 0, Grays 1, Starres 1, Hayes 3, Carahaltic 2; Woking 0, Wokungham 1 First division: Dorlung 3, Leyton-Wingale 3; Walton and Hersham 1, Tooling and Mitcham 1 (at Staines). Yearding 0, Brotham Wood 1. Second division: Berkhamsted 2; Southall 0: Methopoliten Potice 3, Ware 0, Worthing 2, Lewes 2, Postponed: Newbury v Malden Vals. Third division: Cove 4, Chertsey 2; Horsham 5, Collier Row 1; Thame 5, Kingsbury 1, Loctite Trophy: Third round: Egham 3, Harefield 0

HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier divison: Staybridge 7, Goole 0
8EAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier
division: Atherstone 3, Burton 2, Dartford
1, Fisher 0, Gloucesier 2, Worcester 0,
Middland division: Bedworth 1, Tamworth
0, Bridgnorth 2, Redditch 1, Graniham 1,
Laicester United 1, King's Lynn 0,
Hednesford 0, Newpoir AFC 1, Stroud 0
Postponed: Alvechurch v Stburbridge,
Racing Warwick v Rushden, Southern
division: Ashford 1, Canterbury 1; Braintee 1, Strangbourne 1, Hastings 2, Hythe
3, Newport (IcW) 0, Andover 3, Sudbury 1,
Enith: and Betwedere 1, Postponed:
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LEAGUE: Premier division: Histon 2.
Harwich and Parkeston 6. Loweston 2.
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Wrocham 1. Gorieston 2.

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SCHOOLS' MATCHES: Adidas Under19 Trophy. Regional semi-final: Menseyexde 1, Warwickshie 0 Adidas Under17 Trophy. Regional semi-final: Herifordahra 1, Nothinghamshire 3 Adidea
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Vorkshire 1, Cheehire 2, Greater
Manchester 1, Suney 2, Buckinghamshire 1
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Goodhand Trophy: Nothingham 6, Gimeby 3, Derby 4, Mansfield 1 Holland 1, East
Riding 4 Gityncoed Shield: Cardiff 3, Ebbw Vale 0 South-West Counfies
Under-19 champlonship: Hereford and
Worcestershire 3, Berkahire 0

ATHLETICS

ETON FIVES BARBER CUP: Semi-finals: At Highgare: Old Cholmeleans bi Old Salopans.2-1. E Wass and N Rathbone bi A Topham and J Eaton 3-1: M Williams and G Dunbar bi G Denas and I

Jacobs came home to lose his Commonwealth title to Donovan Boucher, of Canada, and was then knocked out

by Mickey Hughes in eight. Bryan, despite suffering re-

verses throughout his career. has shown remarkable resilience. He caught Kirkland Laing on one of his many bad nights to lift the British title and, since then, has grown in

Hurchinson 3-2; G Williams and G Bond lost to M Hughes and J Skelton 1-3. At Wolverhampton: Old Wulfunians beat Cld Edwardians 2-1. M Moore and G Baker bt R Tyler and J Mole 3-1; J Pearson and R Harnis lost to R Mason and A Hughes 2-3; A Carrier and A Stephenson bt R Lambert and P Scholey 3-2. SQUASH RACKETS

REAL TENNIS CUEEN'S CLUB: Combined Services championship: First round: D Reed-Feistead bt G Campbell, 9-7, A Firshyson bt I Park-Weer, 7-5, A Harnsson bt J Wheeler, 10-2, A James bt C Wright, 12-4, C Braithwards bt R Broke, 11-5, B Attion bt O Morris-Adams, 8-5, Regimental bt Oubles: RA bt Grenader Guerds, 11-10: 16-5 Lancars bt Scottleh Division, 12-5, Royal Horse Guards-Drappons bt Irish Gaurds, 14-8, Para bt Royal Green Jackets, 10-5.

RUGBY FIVES ST PAUL'S SCHOOL, BARNES: University match: Cambridge best Oxford 249-227 (Cambridge mares first) Singles: R W. Ground (St Paus's and St John's) bi J P Hayse (Merchant Taylors', and Brasenose), 15-8. P D d'Ancons (St Dunstan's and Megdalene) lost to M T Cavanago, (Bedford Modern and Braßle), 15-6. J W Gribble (Sedbergh and Emmanuel) bi J L Hampel (Merchant Taylors' and St. Anne 8). 15-6, J C Armitage (Radley and Griron) lost to M J S Booth (Sedbergh and Christ Church), 15-11

(Ractey and Girton) lost to M J S Booth (Sedbergh and Christ Church), 15-11 Doubles: Gribble and d'Ancons lost to Hampel and Cavanagh, 25-29, tied with huyes and I C Colaix-Antic (St Paul's and Keble) 25-25. Ground and J M Droop (St Paul's and Trintly) bit Hampel and Cavanagh 30-16 bit Heyes and Colaix-Antic, 30-22. Armitage and B Taberner (St Paul's and Emmanush bit Booth and L N Ferera (St Paul's and St Edmund Huti) 28-19, bit H W Batty (Durham and Pembroke) and O J Board (Winchester and Brissnose) 30-13, P N T Neare (St Paul's and Cropus Christi) and A Canon-Brooks and Corpus Christi) and A Canon-Brooks send Corpus Christi) and A Canon-Brooks (Oundle and Trintly Hall) [bot to Booth and

CLUB MATCHES: Exeler 12. Bristol 17 CLUB MATCHES; Exter 12, Brista 17 Tradegar 10, Newtridge 12 REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Civil Ser-nce 10, Royal Navy 48 SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES; Final: Edin-burgh University 16 and 51 Andrews 12 BRITISH POLYTECHNICS KNOCKOUT COMPETITION: Semi-finals; Shelfield 28, South-West 4 (al. Stafford) Post-poned: Newsastle v Polytechnic of Wales (al Keele University).

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: Louis Vuitton Cup: America's Cup childenger eliminations. Round robin two: Second day: New Zesland bit (P. Daws) bit España 52 (P. Campos. So) by 4mm 55sec. Spurt of Austraha (P. Gamour) bit Chaitenge Australia (P. Thompson) 2.26 if Moro di Vereza (P. Cayard. II) bit Vitte de Paris (M. Papot. Fr) 11sec. Niepon (C. Dickson Japan) bit The Kronor (G. Krantz. Swe) 2.21. Third day: España 52 bit Tre Kronor (ret): New Zealand bit (R. Daws) bit Nippon (C. Dickson Japan) by 2mm 71sec. Vitte de Paris (M. Pajot. Fr) bit Spirit of Australia (P. Cayard. III) bit Challenge Australia (P. Cayard. III) bit Challenge Australia (P. Cayard. III) bit Challenge Australia (P. Cayard. III) Lingbon (C. Dickson, Japan); 14. España 52 (P. Cayard. III). Thyppin (C. Dickson, Japan); 14. España 52 (P. Cayard. Sp); 8: Spirit of Australia (P. Gimour), 7. Tre Kronor (G. Krantz. Swe); 1; Challenge Australia (P. Thompson); 0.

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O'Leary's error and Southall's agility ensure Wales put an end to Irish team's four-year unbeaten home run

Republic lose proud record to Pembridge

Republic of Ireland...... 0

BY CLIVE WHITE

THE Republic of Ireland's first appearance at the Royal Dublin Society equestrian centre yesterday produced a first refusal from Jack Charlton's team when it lost an unbeaten record in the Irish capital stretching back almost four years and across 25

win in Dublin, in Charlton's first match in charge, and they deservedly repeated the feat - and the scoreline with a goal from Mark Pembridge, the Luton Town midfield player, who was making only his second appearance for his country.

It was a very Irish way in which to lose a record, since Ireland were as much strangers to the delightful surroundings as Wales. They had been forced to move home for this match due to the unavailability of Lansdowne Road bements, but that should not be used as an excuse for their indifferent performance. Indeed, the pitch played a lot more true than Lansdowne Road's nutted surface.

A more valid excuse was that it was largely an experi-mental Irish side which. through either choice or necessity, was without Mc-Grath, Houghton, Staunton and Quinn, although the lat-ter was eventually introduced in the second half, much to the delight and relief of the crowd of 15,100.

The damage had not been done by then, and although clearly second best to the Welsh for much of the game, the Irish seemed at least capable of slogging their way to one of their familiar goalless draws. There appeared to be no threat to that when Southall launched the ball upfield in the seventieth minute. It should have been comfortably cleared by O'Leary, but he allowed the ball to bounce before mistiming his clearance. Pembridge ran onto it

Charlton provides players with a lift

AS GRAHAM Taylor has managers are constantly under pressure to pick players excelling at their clubs and to leave out players who are out of form at club level, whatever their international record.

With restricted choice, the other British managers are less pressured to do this. On the evidence of yesterday's game between the Republic lin, there is, in any case, little correlation between club and international performances.

Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, specifically chose Kevin Sheedy. Pat Bonner and Tony Cascarino, although all three are either out of favour or having an unhappy time at their clubs. Indeed, in the cases of Sheedy and Cascarino, he picked them specifically to give them a lift.

Tony has struggled at club level and I think he needs a boost of playing in this game." Charlton said before yesterday's game of his decision to prefer Cascarino to Niali Quinn. There were similar reasons for picking Sheedy and Bonner.

Indeed, it seems that players struggling or out of favour in club football but with wide international experience are much more comfortable than

Even Alan McLoughlin,

The most significant example though came from the Irish goalkeeper. Bonner, who was blamed for the failure to beat Poland last Octoquently lost form at his club, had recently been left out of the Celtic team. With widepast the advancing Bonner.
It was an error of judgment which pleased neither O'Leary nor Charlton, and

further aggravated an uneasy relationship between the two.
"I'm not happy with
O'Leary," Charlton said "He allowed two long balls to bounce from goalkeeper's kicks, and you can't do that."

O'Leary, who had taken over the captaincy from the injured Townsend at halftime, claimed that he had heard a shout from behind and for that reason let the ball go. "After 19 years in the game I should have known better. It was my fault." O'Leary said.

The Welsh had Southall to thank for holding on to their lead as the Everton goalkeeper made the kind of saves from Aldridge and Sheedy which are par for the course for him, but something out of the ordinary for most goal-

At least the last half-hour produced a more edifying spectacle for the crowd as the introduction of substitutes by both sides opened up what had been a congested affair, which was only to be expected with a total of ten players deployed in midfield.

Wales were always the more likely to break the deadlock, and might have profited in the first half from another mistake by O'Leary when the Arsenal central defender misjudged an up-and-under from Phillips under pressure from Hughes, and almost let in Saunders. Both Symons, for Wales, and Daish, for Ireland, could be pleased with their first international performances. Symons had a particularly fine game along-side Young, the Crystal Palace central defender, and er they gave Cascarino little chance to win over the

supporters. When the Irish have rounded off the rough edges of the muscular Daish they ought to have discovered at least one successor to McCarthy and Moran. His first game for them might have been even more memorable had he not completely miskicked from three yards just after half-

TIME.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: P Bonner (Cettic), C Morris (Cettic), D Irwin (Manchester United), D O'Leary (Arsena), L Daish (Cembridge Unsted), R Keens (Nottingham Forest), A Townsend (Chesses, sub. A McLoughin, Southerspion), J Byrns (Sunderland), A Cascarino (Chesses, aub N Quim, Marchester City), T Phetan (Wardseldon), K Sheedy (Everton), WALES: N Southall (Everton), D Philippe (Norwich City), M Bowen (Norwich City), M Satisfand (Crysta), M Bowen (Norwich City), M Satisfand (Sistal City), E Young (Crysta) (Suthamption), G Speed (Leeds United), D Saunglers (Liverpool, sub A Neison, Newscattle United), M Hudhes



Heading for defeat: Cascarino, the Republic of Ireland forward, gets the better of Symons yesterday

Tribunal fines Sealey £2,000

BY DENNIS SHAW

LES Sealey, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, was fined £2,000 and suspended for four matches by a Football Association tribunal yesterday for repute. The punishment was imposed after a personal hearing at which he was represented by Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, at the FA's head-

GARY Mabbutt, the Totten-

ham Hotspur captain, was

taken to hospital early yester-

day when he collapsed the

morning after leading the

England B team to victory

to the Burnham Beeches ho-

tel, on the Berkshire-Buck-

inghamshire border, where

the players were staying.

shortly after barn when the

alarm was raised by police

who were on duty at the hotel.

An ambulance was called

over France B.

quarters at Lancaster Gate. Michael Thomas, the Liverpool player, was also punished yesterday by an FA tribunal for bringing the game into disrepute. Thomas, who joined the Merseyside was fined £3,000 for criticising George Graham, the Arsenal manager, and life at Highbury shortly after his

£1.5 million move. Sealey's charge arose from Aston Villa's 1-0 home defeat

Mabbutt collapses in hotel

Mabbutt, aged 31, was taken to Wexham Park Hos-

pital. Slough, where he was

treated for a diabetic collapse.

He was among a large group

of players who were staying

at the hotel after the B game

A spokeswoman for Tot-

tenham Hotspur said that

Mabbutt, who is a diabetic,

had to take medicine on a

regular basis. She was un-

aware of his collapse, which

is understood to have left him

at Loftus Road.

by Sheffield Wednesday on January 18 when he twice ran 40 yards or more to remonstrate with the referee. George Courtney. Sealey claimed that a header from Nigel Jemson for the winning did not cross the goalline.

It was the second of these demonstrations of dissent that incurred the wrath of the FA. since it came after the game when he had ample

Mabbutt was detained at

the hospital for several hours

while doctors monitored his

condition and kept him

quarters of the hotel.

under observation.

League on Saturday.

This means he will be available for the FA Cup sixthround tie at either Liverpool

or Ipswich Town. Thomas's charge was as a result of an Arsenal complaint to the FA about a Sunday newspaper article, which the club called "im-

tial" heat-of-the-moment

FA took into account Sealey's

previous record and the fact

that he wrote a letter of apolo-

gy to the referee. Sealey, who

was also fined £2,000 by his

club, has 14 days in which to

In reaching its decision, the

proper and insulting". Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, said afterwards: "I am a wee bit disappointed that Arsenal are not here. They found it serious enough to complain, but

not serious enough to be here A hotel spokesman confirmed that the player had An FA spokesman said: been staying there with other The committee felt the newspaper article wasn't necessary England squad members. Mabbutt was to captain Totand that it is unseemly for two tenham in the north-London. high-profile figures in the derby with Arsenal in the game to be involved in public

Barrett able to take pick

BY DENNIS SHAW

EARL Barrett, the Oldham Athletic defender, will decide today whether to join Arsenal or Aston Villa for a fee of £1.7 million. Both clubs have agreed the figure with Joe Royle, the Oldham manager. and the player has had talks with the clubs' managers.

George Graham, of Arsenal, initially offered cash plus the defender. Andy Linighan, in part exchange. Oldham, however, wanted a cash-only deal and the fee was set at £1.7 million.

It was then that the Aston Villa manager, Ron Atkinson, moved into the negotiations, matching Arsenal's figure. "I have spoken to the player and now he has gone off to talk to George Graham again." Atkinson said. "Barrett has promised to let me know within 24 hours.

"What attracts me to him is that he is a very versatile player who can perform in any position across the back. It would be like signing three players in one."

Oldham signed Barrett for £35,000 from Manchester City in 1988. He won his first England cap in Australia last summer.

Barrett has recently been playing at right back, which could suggest that, if Aston Villa are successful, he will replace the Poland international, Dariusz Kubicki, in that role for Villa.

Atkinson's signing yesterday of Mark Bosnich, the Australia goalkeeper, for Villa angered Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager.

Bosnich, aged 20, played three first-team games for United before he was forced to return to Australia to renew his work permit. Bosnich is back in the country because he has married an English woman and has signed a twoyear contract with Villa.

Fereuson said: "I'm ver disappointed, to say the least, after all we did for him. We had a definite understanding that, if he came back to England, it would be to join us. This has come out of the

Atkinson said: "Mark is a good young talent and has become available. I don't know what all the fuss is

about — the boy was a free agent." Celtic have offered £450,000 to Barnet for their winger. Paul Showler. Showler, a policeman in Leeds, earlier this season turned down moves to Mid-

dlesbrough and Barnsley. Fry

job, and obviously he has got

his own demands, which will have to be met." More football, page 29

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those who have been picked because of club performances but are still new to the inter-national game. Sheedy, for example, had not played for Everton this year since being dropped and transfer-listed, but he looked sharp and slipped into his normal position comfortably.

who has been so out of touch not been in their squad recently, let alone the team, has thrived at international level. He had an outstanding game for Ireland B last week and came on to make an impact as substitute yesterday.

ber that ultimately cost Ireland qualification for this summer's European championship finals and subsespread speculation in Ireland about the possibility of the young Sheffield United goalkeeper. Simon Tracey, becoming eligible, Bonner went into yesterday's match under considerable pressure. He responded magnificently.

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Olazábal shows his best form

By Our Sports Staff

JOSÉ-Maria Olazábal shot a 66. six under par. in a pro-am tournament on the eve of the Tenerife Open that begins

Olazábal mastered the 6.384-yard course, in between handing out free lessons to the high-handicap amateurs he partnered for the

Olazabai, aged 26, won the tournament, at Golf del Sur. three years ago. "I love it --the weather is always perfect," he said.

After a low-key return to the European circuit last week in Malaga, where he finished



Olazábal: in fine form

joint seventeenth. Olazábal believes he is near to finding his best form again in only his second tournament since November.

"I was suffering from a neck injury last week and I'm still treating it with ice and cream," he said. "It is less painful now, although I still know the injury is there. It shouldn't be a problem.

"I took a couple of months off before Malaga because I need to get away from the game. I relax by going hunting with my friends.

'It takes time to be back at your best but now I'm ready to get going again. I'm building up towards the Masters at the beginning of April. This is one of six tournaments I'll be playing as preparation."

Olazabai finished runnerup to Ian Woosnam at Augusta last year and is determined to bury the disappointment that blighted much of his season.

Steve Richardson and David Gilford, who played inlast year's Ryder Cup alongside Olazábal, are also taking part but will find it hard to take the limelight away from the Spanish resort's favourite

Tour leaves footballers stumped

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN HAMILTON, BERMUDA

THE England A ream's brief visit here for four one-day games in the middle of the local foorball season means that the Bermuda teams will be without several leading players who were unable to break off from the winter game. Overall, though, cricket has come out well from the clash of interests.

The Bermuda FA has cancelled next weekend's programmes so as not to affect the attendances on Saturday

and Sunday for the first two England fixtures. It has also turned down a request from Arsenal to visit fleetingly next week, again because it wishes to avoid detracting from interest in the cricketers.

All England's matches are taking place at the local Somerset club ground, which normally at this time of the year stages several football matches each weekend.

Football stopped there two weeks ago and the club has spent about £3,000 on some frantic remedial work to the It looked in good order yesterday when the England cricketers trained, though overnight rain ruled out serious net practice.

tive England side to come to the island since Len Hutton's 1953-4 MCC team spent the Christmas period here on the way to the West Indies. It is part of a determined drive by the Bermuda board of control to create interest and to raise standards.

Doug Ferguson, who for ten years was a National Cricket Association coach in

the north of England, is making a short visit to launch a coaching structure and to help the Bermuda players prepare for the England

games. Ferguson returns in May for three months and will supervise as Bermuda prepare for a fortnight's tour to England in June, when they have matches with four county second XIs, a Minor Counties XI and MCC Young

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Analyst casts doubt on Krabbe test

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Berlin: There may have been irregularities in a test that led to the suspension of Katrin Krabbe, the world 100 and 200 metres champion, and two colleagues, it was claimed vesterday.

The German athletics federation (DLV) has reaffirmed its decision to ban Krabbe and two other east Germans, Silke Möller and Grit Breuer, until 1996, but Killse Bechthold, a vice-president of the DLV, sounded a new note of uncertainty. "We have regarded our findings as water-

tight up to now, but who

knows what the lawyers will find?" Bechthold was quoted as saying in the mass-circula-

tion newspaper, Bild.

Meanwhile, Jac van Rossum, a Dutch analyst, said the DLV's finding, that the three athletes had manipulated urine samples in South Africa last month to outwit rules against the use of performance-enhancing steroids, could eventually be overturned in court.

"Against all regulations, the test results were not individually packed. Manipulation [by outsiders] cannot be was hired by Krabbe's sponsor. Nike, to examine test specimens in a Cologne laboratory, told Bild.

The DLV also violated procedure by failing to obtain a second, independent test, or consult the athletes before the South African results were made public, van Rossum

Krabbe, aged 22, and Breuer. 20, have denied wrong-doing and lodged an appeal with the DLV legal commission. If they lose, they say they will file lawsuits. Both claim their urine tests were doctored by someone

Reinhard Rauball, a prom-

hired by the athletes, forecast their reinstatement in time for the Barcelona Olympics. "The chain of evidence of this allegedly manipulated urine sample is so thin we will break through it." Rauball said

"The athletes have filed an extraordinary sworn statement denying the charge. It's definite the samples were tampered with, but the DLV has not proven the athletes were involved," he said on television after meeting



The end of history? A verdict on Fukuyama

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Although the writers recalled above (from the left: Coleridge, Spenser, Joyce, Beckett and Chaucer) were some of the finest exponents of their art, not all would find their way into the essential canon for today's renaissance reader

he great English novelists are Jane Austen, George Eliot, Henry James, and Joseph Conrad - to stop for a moment at that comparatively safe point in

dare to end (let alone begin) a work of criticism with such an uncompromising judgment. Yet this was how F.R. Leavis kicked off The Great Tradition, published in 1948 and still the classic defence of the view that some books are so significant that they must be read

by every civilised human being. More than four decades later, we are still debating the point clarnorously. In last year's Shakespeare lecture at Stratford-upon-Avon, the Prince of Wales gave a warning that our taste for the merely contempo-rary and susceptibility to educational jargon was jeopardising the nation's cultural heritage.

His worst fears were doubtless confirmed by a recent survey at Kingston Polytechnic which showed that Shakespeare is no longer compulsory in half the nation's undergraduate literature courses. A flurry of letters to the press blamed it all on "the revolting students of the Sixties" and a new

"ideological tyranny".

The chanering classes, of course, have always enjoyed the game of literary one-upmanship, the desent island book discussions and the double bluff of serious book talk. In his film Zelig, Woody Allen plays a man whose shame that he has not read Moby Dick turns him into a pathological sycophant and chameleon, and there is something of this paranoia at every middle-class dinner party. Who would admit in polite company that he hadn't got round to King Lear or Great

Leavis's point was more profound: he believed that there were

made in literature, that it was both possible and essential to decide which works were indispensable.

But is there still a canon of literature, a course of literary hurdles which the Naked Ape must clear to be become the Renaissance Man? If so, which authors should occupy it, and how do contemporary literati regard the traditions from which they sprang?

Few of those consulted in a Times straw poll were as obliging or decisive as Carol Smith, the literary agent, who, after a night to sleep on the matter, plumped for Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Jane Austen's Emma and Ford Madox Ford's The Good Soldier, "the best novel.

of the 20th century".
"In some ways it's a lunatic exercise." Malcolm Bradbury said, "because in the end those who love reading find their own books and that's absolutely cru-cial. You find the books with which you are sympathetic."

Still, he eventually took the plunge. For Bradbury, there must be seats reserved at the table of greatness for Cicero, Chaucer, Dante, Shakespeare, Dryden, Milton, Coleridge, Ibsen and Strindberg. Twentieth-century writing would be represented by Joyce, D.H. Lawrence, Proust, T.S. Eliot, Pound, Greene, Lowry, Beckett, Nabokov, Larkin, Calvino and Borges, while a few of Bradbury's contemporaries such as Miller, Marquez and Heaney also make it to the top of his

literary Olympus. He set an unforeseen trend in preferring to propose authors "important distinctions" to be

Reading the right stuff Dante, Rushdie, Greene, Dryden . . . what are the essential works

rather than titles of books: clearly, the best and brightest imagine the canon as a vista of stern and scholarly faces rather than a shelf of dusty tomes. Madame Bovary and War and Peace were the main

exceptions to this rule. \cdot Susan Hill's off-the cuff list looked remarkably similar to Bradbury's, with Marlowe, Bunyan, Richardson, Fielding, Wilde, Yeats and Virginia Woolf also making an appearance. She pitched strongly for the idea of the canon, but objected to people who bought the world's hundred best books in a job-lot to line their

living-room walls. Nicholas Mosley added a clutch of Americans: Henry James, Faulkner, Fitzgerald - and John Dos Passos, author of the intermi-nable USA, a book which Mosley admits he has never finished.

"There was a literary canon up to the second world war, books which one ought to have read if one was a literary chap, the sort of books which are now Penguin Classics," says Mosley, whose book, Hopeful Monsters, won the Whitbread prize last year. "But I think it's got lost — like a lot of art the stream has spread into a

Lost, swamped or simply mislaid, the canon has always been natural terrain for vigorous and occasionally unseemly debate. Onthe one hand, traditionalists allege that we don't get enough of the above-mentioned standard writers

for today's educated reader? Matthew d'Ancona asks the experts

The Iliad Dante The Divine Comedy Shakespeare The Complete

Milton Paradise Lost Jane Austen Emma Dickens Great Expectations Tolstoy War and Peace George Eliot Middlemarch Proust Remembrance of

Rushdie Midnight's Children The ten books listed above were those most commonly chosen in a Times straw poll of authors

and that our cultural heritage, the cement of western civilisation, is withering away in the oppressive

heat of apathy. "The more we have of the canon the better," says Sir Kingsley Amis, who stands by the conven-tional roll-call of authors but fears it may be falling by the wayside. "I haven't been involved in education for 30 years but I imagine the

situation is dire." On the other side of the fence, radicals of all persuasions see the canon as all too prevalent, the written expression of imperialism. racism and patriarchy, and the last true bastion of the "dead white European male". Literary theory, feminism and political correctness have chipped away at the very notion of the canon, and, in different ways, focused suspicion on the liberal, humanistic values which it embodies. Old-fashioned books and authors are out: competing political agendas are in.

Martin Amis dwelt mischievously upon the kind of literature that might actually be politically correct. "I imagined a kind of arcadian, semi-rural existence in which everyone would be equal and sexual difference would be underplayed," he said. "But I think the canon will survive and rightly so. It's become the canon for good reasons, which have nothing to do with 'values'. It's work that's been found to be

continually challenging and interesting" The mansion of the great tradition may still be standing, but the door is definitely ajar. All sorts of influences have crept in since Leavis pronounced. Salman Rushdie's Midnight's Children was often cited as the most important work of recent years, awakening English readers to the rich possibilities of a multicultural literature, as likely to embrace The

Mahabharata as The Iliad. Bhikhu Parekh, professor of political theory at the University of Hull, thought that Rushdie and Farrukh Dhondy had sown the seeds of a new literary consciousness, but bemoaned the failure of mainstream curriculum.

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patent leather fishing waders to

the office can go and work for the

found the only honourable one.

universities to absorb Afro-Caribbean and Asian writing in the Toni Morrison's magnificent

candidate for the modernised list. Patricia Duncker, author of Sis-ters and Strangers, a survey of contemporary feminist fiction.

thought that the writings of Alice Walker, Emily Dickinson and Kate Chopin would also endure. "There have always been women writers in there, such as Austen, the Brontés, Woolf, George Eliot and Sylvia Plath," she said. "The point is that they are now being interpreted in a

different way by feminists." The prescriptive idea that there are a few English-language books which we must read to be civilised has certainly taken a bashing. Most shied away from definitive lists. Many preferred to hedge their bets by speaking of "canons" in the plural, as if to avoid the authoritarian implications of the original question. But the basic message from a sample of today's vriters was loud and clear: some books are better than others and

we ought to read them. Common to all camps in the debate was the idea that certain monumental writings have the capacity to change lives and outlooks, to crash thunderously through the intellect and the emotions. "I still feel you have to stand up and be counted on this one." Susan Hill said. "If a book broadens your imagination, increases your perspectives, if you feel you understand more about

life, then that's important." Books, pages 4 and 5

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Hack rendered speechless in sex probe

am not without sin. Given the opportunity, and the absolute certainty that nobody is watching. I'm sure there are any number of crimes of which I am capable. Once when my student grant had run out six weeks before the end of term, I found myself scriously discussing with an equally skint college-mate (and a man who now drives a Panda car for a living somewhere in Sussex) the chances of getting away with turning over the local NatWest and what stopped us was not a higher moral code, but the base assumption that we'd get caught. On the same basis. I've always been pretty sure I could be a minor forger, a small-time embezzler, one of the more elegant brands of con-artists.

I write this from New York. which is, according to a line of public-service graffiti daubed on a boarded-up topicss bar on Seventh Avenue, Safe Sex Capital of the Free World. Seventh Avenue is where New York's hookers used to roam fairly freely in the days when the worst you could get for consorting with one of their number was a walk-on part at the local court and/or a course of penicillin jabs. Now that the word has spread that some 50 per cent of the local girls are HIV positive, business has dropped off somewhat. According to Screw, the New York sex industry's answer to the Wall Street Journal, such action as remains is confined to a number of low profile houses which offer "body rubs". No, don't ask: I'm afraid this column doesn't run to

diagrams.
1 bought Screw — which sits next to The New York Times on every news stand here - because a New Yorker friend told me that if I were writing about sex I had a professional duty to investigate 1-900 numbers. Dialling these, he insisted, is what lone, frustrated New York men now do instead of cruising Seventh Avenue. The 1-900 number is the American equivalent of our own 0898 numbers — the numbers that are advertised in the back pages of some of the dodgier tabloids and the front pages of the magazines that are stored on the newsagents' top-most shelves. Ring up an 0898 number in the UK and a taperecorded woman with a bad asthma problem will spend ten breathy minutes telling you about all the other 0898 numbers you could have rung and will then introduce a colleague who will tell you a relatively innocent story. By the time you got anything which would be half-way useful as a PRIVATE LIFE

John Diamond tries hard to get kicks from a telephone



fantasy, you'll have spent £5 or £6

In the US, it's all rather different. While British calls are taped and limited, by law, in scope, the American calis are live and as graphic as you like. Ring, therefore, 1-900-860-DUCK (and, as far as I could see, all the other permutations of that mnemonic had already been used by rival companies) and you'll get a woman at the other end asking precisely what it is you want to talk about. And I mean precisely.

Given that my call was borne of journalistic endeavour rather than sexual frustration. I found myself at something of a disadvantage. I didn't know what I wanted to talk about. What do other men talk

Oh, you know honey: anything really

Right. I tried to think of a question rather than a statement: this, at least, would put the ball in her court. "So what's your name?"

"My name's Lamar, honey." She managed to spread the two illables over ien seconds: Laaammmm-arrrr I didn't know whether it sounded sexier that way or, at \$1,99 a minute, just "You wanna know what I'm

wearing, honey?" Now why hadn't I thought of that question? She ran through a brief list of underwear that was about as likely as her name.

"Hey, honey: would I lie to

work?" I asked.

"Is that what you really wear to

For a moment, I tried to convince myself that of all of the dozens of 1-900 lines I had seen

There was no way, even for this column, that I could say the things obviously expected of me. What is remarkable, is that in the US this and in the UK, where the service is throughout the conversation, and as I thought of things I knew I was

meant to be shouting down the phone, one phrase kept ringing

and ask the questions that were is a multi-billion dollar industry rather less interactive, it earns millions of pounds. And the strangest thing of all is that

through my head: "In my day, we used to make our own

opposition." But, then again, given that one of the New York talk shows recently revealed that one of the most successful talk-sex girls was, in fact, a 20-stone man with a high voice, this was unlikely. After another couple of minutes of this, I put down the phone.

The fifteen day holiday costs £2,999.

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PYGMIES IN THE RUINS: Ron Hutchinson's storing drame, hist seen at the Lync Theatre, Belfast, explores two violent deaths in the city, soperate by 120 years of the thing. Provings at the Lync means, the city, separate two violent deaths in the city, separate by 120 years of toubles. Previews begin longist, and the production opens on Monday. Royal Court, Steam Square, London SW1 (071-730 1745), Spm

UNCLE VANYA: tan McKaflen, Anton Sher, Leslay Sherp in a promating new version of Chekhov's play from Pam Gems, directed by Seen Mathias. The production previews from lonight and opens on Tuesday.

National (Cottesioe). South Bank. London SE1 (071-928 2252), 7 30pm.

IN THE MIDDLE, SOMEWHAT ELEVATED: The Royal Ballet presents a new acquistion, the one-act ballet by the American choreographer Walland the American choreographer William Forsythe et a contresting Imple bill with Ashton's two linest abstract ballets nes and Scénes de bellet (see roview, right) Royal Opera House, Coveni Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1098), 7.30pm

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: As part of a triple bill, ENB presents the world premiere of a new work by Robert North. Emitted A Stranger! Came, the piece is set to Schubert songs and is designed by Andrew Storer Following its premiere in Cambridge, the work will be taken on ENB's email-scale spring tour.

Arts Theatre, 8 St Edward's Passage, Cambridge (0223 352000), 2.30pm and 8pm ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: As

D'ALLO, 'ALLO: Gorden Kaye and his team of funny frogs and krauts up to their familiar antics pominion, fatishham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon Thurs, 8pm, Fn, Sair 5 30pm and 8 30pm.

BECKET: Riveling performances from Derak Jacobi and Robert Lindsay from Derek Jacobs and Hobert Limossy in Anouth's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Henry II. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Set, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Set, 3pm 165mins.

LA BETE: Bravura performance by Alan Curraning in a shange Molère parody eccentric but claver Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311), Mon-Sat, 7-45pm, mate Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 4pm 145mms.

THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Hartern mightspor-high on energy, low on story freshiness. Aldwych. The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Fn, 7 30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wod, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm 150mlns.

☐ THE CUTTING: Intriguing two-hander by Maureen O'Brien between a sient prisoner on a murder rap and a psychiatrat. Fine performances. Bush, Shepherde Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Mon-Sal, 8pm 120min DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Briss Finel's Ohvior Award-winning memory play, set in 1930s Donegal. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats

Thurs, 3om, Sat. 4om, 150m ☐ AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at the lanisses of a woman merried to a

parasses of a woman named to a soccer rut. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075) Mon-Thurs, Bpm, Fri, Set, 6pm and 8 4Spm, 130mms. D FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macheth's climb to the lop, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Shries songs. Baulevard, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661). Mon-Sat. 8 15pm, Fri late show. 10 15pm, mat Sat, 6pm

THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry Foster is obsessed with making an instruit millionaire (Tony Doyle) into the new Gigli in Torn Murphy's powerful fable. Almelde, Almelde Street, N1 (071-359 4404), Mon-Saf, 8pm, met Saf, 4pm, 160mins Final week.

NEW RELEASES brothers' marvellous macabre comedy about a New York playwright aff at sea in 1940s Hollywood. Starring John Turturro, John Goodman. A Imple Cannes prizewanner Gate market

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THE LUNATIC (15) Hefty German tourist aimost undoes a Jamaican innocent (the ebutient Paul Campbell) Artiess feature debut by pop video director Let Creme Prince Charles (071-437 8181)

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♦ STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY (PG) Farewell Kirl- and Speck battl galaxy war mongers in their last screen adventure. Underwhelming, but adequate With Wollam Shather Legnard Nimos, director, Nicholas

Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9:72) Fulham Road (071-370-2636) Empire (071 497 9999) Whiteleys (071 792 3332)

CURRENT

BLACK ROBE (15) Seventeenth contury Jesuit (Lothare Bluteau) fres to convert Indians of northern Quebec Intelligent epic from Brian Moore's notel Director Bruce Bereslord Cannon Fult

n Road (D71-370 2636)

TODAY'S EVENTS

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Still one of our most

undervalued conductors, Vernon Handley takes the orchestra through a

Handey takes the orderest strong a fairly conservative programme, consisting of Holet's Egdon Health, Beethoven's Plant Concerto No 5 (with Armatic Cohen), and the Second Symptony of another seriously

undervalued figure, Robert Simpson. Colston Hell, Enstel (0272 223686/7, credit cards 0272 223683), 7.30pm.

OPERA MORTH: The company continues its apring season in Hull this week. Tonight Roy Laughlin conducts Helens Kau-Howson's production of the pantonums opers, Masquarade, by Carl Nielsen, with Mary Hogarty as

Leonors. Later petermances this we

include the company's accomplished revival of Franz Schreker's rerely beam, experimental poets Declares

heard, experimental opera Der ferne Kleng, directed by the distinguished mazzo-soprano Brighte Fessbänder, and Opera North's new, considerably

Butterfly Grand Theetre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351/440971), 7.15pm

XERXES: Nicholas Hytner's bright, clean production of Hendel's Xenses makes a triumphant return to the

mastes a trumphent return to the Engish National Opera repertore, revived by Julis Hollander: A strong cast is headed by Ann Muray in the title role, with Yvonne Kemy as Romida, and Normen Balley as Anodates Ivor Botton conducts.

Colleseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7pm.

Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Set, 8 30pm, mais Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mms.

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planks is illusable tribute to Cole Porter's wit and wry melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WCZ (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, Born, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 5.30pm. 140mins.

☑ TALKING HEADS: Patricle
Routledge and Alan Sennett excellent
three of his monologues charting the
unconscious humour and pain of
descent in a common and pain of

desolate lives. Contedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wad, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES SROTHERS: Lively parade of funeful oldies: Good fun Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Frt, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins

☑ WALPURGIS NIGHT: Fascinating look at hite and death in a Soviet psychiatric hospital by V. Enfoyev, a former inmate. Snoo Wilson translates. Gate, Prince Albert Pub, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 160mins.

strained production of Madama Butterity

A daily guide to arts and inment compiled by Karl Knight

ANDREA MANTEGNA: Since one of Mantegna's grundest works, the great sones devoted to The Thumphs of senes devoted to The Thumphs of Caesar, is part of the royal collection, London seems a logical place to leunch this first major retrospective of the painter for many years (it goes on to the Metropolitan, New York) Mantegra is unique among 15th-century italian artists for the impress he gives of passion only just hald in check by the disciplines of classical

Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadily, London W) (071-439 7438), daily, 10am 6pm, until April 5. Sponsored by

DOUBLETAKE: The general subject of this large international show is "Collective Memory and Current Art". Even the designer, Aido Rossi, is renowned for his writings on collective memory in architecture, and the 22 artists included are all very conscious of living in and on the mass midda's vest store of shared experiences. vast store of shared experiences. Works are inside the Hayward and scattered around in the open, the scattered secund in the open, are media are sometimes improbable. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, Londor SET (071-251 0127). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), opens today until April 19.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessmen of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

☐ GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical calabrating Fiftes and Sociles pop classics: Great stuff. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300) Mon-Thurs, 8pm. Fri, Sat, 5:30pm and 8:30pm 215mins.

MAKING IT BETTER: James Seunders' aubite play concerned with ideals, reality and fiberation in Prague and London: Jame Asher in an exemplary cast of four Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, 120mms.

THE MASTER AND MARGARITA: HIE must IRY AND MANISARITA: Remarkable compression of Bulgelou's novel about the devil's visit to Moscow. Some complexity lest but the alarming comedy comes over well. Battersee Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Levender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sun, 6pm. Final week

THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA:
Alfred Motins and a superb Elleen
Atkins in Tennessee Williams's late
play on the effects of sexual repressor
National (Lyteston), South Bank, SE1
(071-928 2252). Today 2.15pm and
7.30pm

☐ PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller: tunes by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but Shaftesbury, Snaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071 379 5339). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm Set, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 5pm 150mins

SELF PORTRAIT: Absorbing, if at times confusing, study of the painter Gwen John and the impulse behind her portraits of stricken women. Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (881-940 3633) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 190mins. ☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers what through the music of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines cannol disguise the true rueful Duke.

BOUDU SAVED FROM DROWNING

BUJULU SAVED FILLER DICTUMING
(PG). Welcoms revival of Jean Renor's anarctic pastorale (1932), with Michel Simon as the unregenerate tramp clasped to the bourgeois bosom Plus Jean Vigo's surreal view of achool days, Zéro de conduite (U).
Renoir (071-837 8402)

DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15) Ser Neal as an ageing mother's boy sucked into love, violence and accidental murder Testy black comedy from new

ctor John Ru

Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-536 6148)

DELICATESSEN (15). French video whizzlods Journal and Caro's wonderfully bizarte fantasy about a houseful of tenants living above a carinbalistic butcher. With Dominique Piron, Mane-Laure Dougnar. Caranons: Chalesse (071 252 5056; Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Matro (071-437 0757) Screen on Baker Street (071-535 2772).

ri-order cool (Al Pacino) courts a y waitress (Michelle Pleifler).

FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (15)

Synthetic adaptation of Tenence McNatty's play Director, Garry

Barbican (071-538 8891) Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire

7.30pm. 160mins.

LONG RUNNERS: Z. Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-838 5972). Z. Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-857 1044). Z. Buddy Victora Palace (071-854 1317). Z. Carrmen Jones: Old Vic (071-828 7616). Z. Carrmen Jones: Old Vic (071-828 7616). Z. Catts: New London (071-405 0072). Don't Dress for Dinner: Apolio (071-494 5045). Z. Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045). Z. Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045). Z. Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045). Z. Mazin's (071-836 7611). Z. Les Misérables: Palace (071-436 7611). Z. Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 9095). Z. Miss Saigort. Theatre Royal. Drury Lune (071-494 5400). Z. The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1445). Z. The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majestry's (071-494 5400). Z. Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299). Z. Starlight Express: Apolio Victoria (071-828 8665). Z. The Next Generation: Ambassadors (071-836 8111). Z. The Woman in Slack: Fortune (071-836 2238). Tecket information supplied by Society Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

(071-497 9999) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332). CINEMA GUIDE HORS LA VIE (15): Mesterly account of a French hostage's life in the turned of Behrut. Starring Hippolyte Girardot; director, Marouri Bagdedi. Cannon Tottanham Court Road (071-636 6148). Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on

MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza JFK (15), Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drama about the Kennedy assassination. Kevin Costner es crusading D.A., Jim Gardson; a bust supporting cast. ASLAME IT ON THE BELLBOY (12):
 Mistaken identities in Venice.
 Impersonal, machine-tooled, did-testhoned farce. With Dudley Moore, Richard Griffiths, Palsy Kernst. Writerdirector. Mark Herman Cannon Chelses (071-325 5196)
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Green (071-283 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and how not to rear a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adam Haren Byrd) and sensible deschon (Jode Foster) possty offset the facile moments Odeon Kensington (0428 914665) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U) Disney's first hall-ength carloon (1937) Overly cuite at times, but still a treat for children and the young at heart Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Hsymarket (071-339 1527) Oxford Street (071-363 0316) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914668) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Whitsleys (071-792 3332)

URGA (PG) Mikita Mikhalkov 'a mesmensing film about civilisation encroaching on the Mongolan steppes The top prizewiner at last year's Venice Film Festival Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

LES VALSEUSES (18) Gérard Departies and Patrick Devarete in 1974, as two leds with die hands. Treely revival of Bertrand Eller's trockurs, amoral, shaph-cocking 1974 comp. Cannon Piccadilly (071-437-3561)

Women over the verge

THEATRE

Dangerous Dolls Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

THE Lyric has given these plays the joint title of *Dangerous Dolls*, and with good reason. One is about a hotel receptionist's violent obsession with the heroine of a television soap opera. The other has the protagonist skipping and snarling with joy as she hears her mother being murdered with an electric drill on the other end of the phone. Oh yes, and each is by a woman stand-up comedian, a species clearly to be approached with care. Anybody looking for light enter-tainment at the W.I. Christmas party should consider hiring someone a bit

safer, such as a prizefighter.
Jenny Eclair's Munnay's Little Girl is the better piece: a fiercely concentrated monologue about what it is like to be Mrs Worthington's daughter after that lady has ignored Noël Coward's advice and put the poor tot on the stage. The difference is. of course, that this is a television age, and it is commercials and children's

soaps into which Sally is thrust.

She claims to have been singing, dancing and selling toothpaste while still attached to the placenta, and appearing in a serial about lovable piglets when not long out of the sandpit. "Everything I did, I did for my mother," she grumbles from the debris of her flatlet and the remnants of her 30-year-old life.

Eclair herself plays Sally with an energy that goes way beyond the merely sardonic. If she is filled with cream, as her name implausibly suggests, it has been laced with insecticide, germicide and fungicide,

the play consists of impotent denunciations of her mother - "bride of Satan", "corpse in carpet slippers" -who has destroyed her with guiltmongering and ambition. But most of it evokes the process of destruction itself: the drugs, the abortion, the hopeless marriage, the bouts of shoplifting, and a professional decline that culminates in a half-hearted offer to play the part ("less walk-on than he down") of a squashed pedesman in an episode of Boon.

What saves the portrait from becoming predictable, even for-mulaic, is Eclair's blend of wit. inventiveness and ebullient pugnac-ity. There is a hilariously bilious description of Sally raging back to a room "smelling of dead cat and Chinese takeaway" after yet another pushy lunch with her mum. There is another, less savage but funnier, of the bladder trouble that literally douses her come-back at the Royal

Variety Performance.

By the end, she is reduced to rampaging through south London with a black stocking over her face. in hopes of stirring the maternal heart with a starring performance on Crimewatch UK: a task foredoomed to failure, like everything else aimed at that elusive organ.

By comparison, Julie Balloo's Soap Crazy seems less punchy and more prolix. The author herself plays an Australian cousin of the kind of American screwball who starts by shyly worshipping a John Lennon or a Jodie Foster and, feeling rebuffed. ends up plotting awful revenges: and Laurel Lefkow defensively grins and twitches her way through the role of her victim. There is, it seems, a pretty big difference between people's fantasies of the fulfilling life that celebrities lead and the real insecurities and



A life in revolt Jenny Eclair in Mummy's Little Girl

disappointments of celebrity itself. That irony is somewhat over-obvious, as is the parody of downmarket television serials; but the piece undeniably comes to life when Balloo lets rip with the poison-pen letters and threatens to do the same with the vitriol bottle. The more dangerous the doll, the more fun the show: a comment, maybe, on our times.

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BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Just so concerto

CONCERT

ECO/Edwards Barbican

A CONCERT of 20th-century works, including two new commissions, would not normally draw a large audience. But a good deal of interest was aroused by the English Chamber Orchestra's concert under Sian Edwards, putting the new works, by Michael Berkeley and Howard Skempton, together with a 1981 piece by David Matthews, alongside classics by Bartók (Divertimento for Strings) and Kurt Weill.

Berkeley's Clarinet Concerto, the result of a personal commission from Emma Johnson, is related to a current operatic project dealing with the traumatic childhood experiences of Kipling that led him to seek solace in the animal kingdom. Although there is no "programme" as such, it is probably not too fanciful to hear the child's fear in the hesitant, repeated notes on the solo instrument that open and close the work, and the confrontation with a brutal world in the two chilling climaxes.

The latter are impressively generated, with the soloist ducking and

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a cynical marketing ploy, but when the band involved is The Wedding

Present, a different explanation is

needed. The gimmick owes more to

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Throughout its six-year existence,

the band has remained studiously indifferent to rock's more extravagant

trappings. They may now be signed to

a major label, but they marked the

move out of the independent sector by releasing a record of Ukrainian-style songs. Their devoted fans, who have

so far managed to make a small hit of

each monthly release, clearly delight

vinyl only.

weaving among the orchestral wind. not least the two clarinets that Berkeley daringly uses to amplify and highlight the solo line. Johnson made light of what sounded like formidable technical difficulties, to give an expressive account of her concerto.

Also receiving its first London performance was Howard Skempton's The Light Fantastic. Skempton called himself an "experimental" composer but this is anything but avant-garde stuff. Admitting that manipulation of the musical materials of the musical materials of the musical materials. als is the name of the game, rather than self-expression, he indulges in quasi-minimalist sequences and melodic ideas exceptional only for their blandness. Indeed the sliding chromatic harmonies may have been spicier than intended, thanks to the

raggedness of the ECO strings. For David Matthews's Introit we had to imagine the resonant cathedral acoustic for which it was intended. Its main feature of interest occurs right at the en trumpeters (Gerald Ruddock and Edward Hobart) representing "angel musicians", spiral off into the ether.

Weill's Second Symphony, written in exile in 1933, needs more bite. more of the bitter tang of his Brechtian music, than we heard. Possibly the deadness of the hall was partly to blame, for the symphony. something of an orchestral show-piece, was rattled off competently enough by the ECO.

Search for lost style

DANCE Ashton ballets

Covent Garden WE HAVE come to a pretty pass when the Royal Ballet dances William Forsythe's choreography better than Frederick Ashton's. My admiration for Forsythe's In the middle, some-what elevated is high, and at its second performance on Monday the cast was doing it even better than at the premiere: more cohesion and just as much attack..

They should be good. The nine dancers were chosen by Forsythe and had final rehearsals with him after Glen Tuggle. Very few of the dancers now performing the two Ashton works on this programme can actually have known or worked with him, but he is proudly listed on the masthead as founder choreographer, his work is the company's greatest claim to international distinction. and the ballet staff have personal experience of his wishes.

Scenes de ballet at least had the experienced Lesley Collier to hold it BARRY MILLINGTON together: she has a lovely quality in her arms and speed and still a lot of

crispness in her feet. But the younger dancers with her could do with some polishing and sharpening to their attack. Maybe it would help to return to the gloves and the blue tights which the women originally wore, and the hats for the men, to force them to a more special quality through a feeling of unfamiliarity.

Monotones suffers more. There have now been two casts, and the first trio (dancing to Satie's Trois Gnossiennes) was really not up to the mark either time. I hardly knew whether to laugh or cry at the sight of the three dancers progressing across the stage with a series of sharp kicks front and back. Whatever happened to the sensuousness Ashton would have taken for granted from his

dancers? The second trio (Trois Gymnopedies), which is choreographically superior, is better done, with either Bryony Brind, in a rare guest appearance, or Darcey Bussell showing a ael Nunn and Mark Silver. But even this lacks something of its rapt. moonstruck quality, the flow of the dance has been replaced by a more

fragmented look. It is good to have these works back in the repertoire for audiences who have too long lacked any sight of them. But it ought to be possible to get back the right style. If that is not done now, while the original dancers are still around, the chance will be lost.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Sounds unconventional

ROCK

The Wedding Present The Waterfront, Norwich.

in the band's quirkiness. It is hard not to cherish a group whose first album was entitled George Best, and who sing songs about William Shatner, Captain Kirk of Star Trek.

For all their eccentricity, The Wedding Present's stage performance is surprisingly low-key. Only David Gedge, the group's singer and writer.

offers any sign of passion, and then just in occasional shouted outbursts. His limited vocal range is used conversationally, most often to complain dolefully about the iniquities of love in songs such as "Brassneck" and "Bewitched". But while he may look like a love-sick poet, his vision is leavened with a detached amuse-ment. It is a pose which recalls both

Lou Reed and Ray Davies. What really guarantees that The Wedding Present are never maudlin, though, is the melodic drive of the music. Despite Gedge's preference for the most minimal of choruses and the

fuzzy roar of his and Paul Dorrington's guitars, the band always managed to squeeze a tune out of the noise. The key to this was Keith Gregory's twangy, rolling bass lines which gave shape to the frantic chords. However bitter the song. or peculiar its topic, each one retained a

distinct catchiness.

But while The Wedding Present have a sharp ear for pop's sounds, they still continue to appear engagingly indifferent to its other conventions. When other performers will hit the stage with a beer or something stronger, David Gedge ambled on with what seemed to be a cup of coffee_

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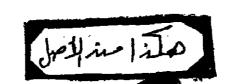
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Star drives her own vehicle

Geoff Brown reviews The Prince of Tides, Raise the Red Lantern. Father of the Bride, Afraid of the Dark and Une Histoire inventée

a pretty pass when Barbra Streisand never sings a note in a film, but her co-star Nick Noite does. "And That's What I Like 'Bout the South!" the weather-worn giant, hands outstretched, during The Prince of Tides (15. Odeon Leicester Square). A Grammy award seems un-

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But we should not complain. Streisand is busy with other things. She directs, for the first time since Yentl, 11 years ago; she also produces, and cradles the film in her arms. Pat Conroy, whose novel provided the source material, penned a fan letter on seeing the results: "You rescued my sweet book, and you've honoured me by taking it with such great seriousness and love."

Indeed. From the first mo-ments, The Prince of Tides sets itself up as a large, long-faced film with a strong emotional sweep, all polished up for the Oscars. Early scenes etch the storm-tossed South Carolina childhood of Nolte's Tom Wingo, an unemployed football coach who comes to New York to aid the recovery of his suicidal sister. Streisand, garlanded with dark tresses, a becoming wardrobe and flattering camerawork to match, is Dr Susan Lowenstein, the chic psychiatrist with brown-panelled rooms and a mountain

of pain to heal. Once Wingo and Lowenstein — the odd couple Mark Two — join forces, old-fashioned precepts of Hollywood romance rear their heads; though the Angst billowing through Conroy and Becky Johnston's script keeps suggesting wider ambitions. Wingo suffers from a crumbling marriage and a stunted heart: Lowenstein is tied to Jeroen Krabbé's caricature of a possessive husband (a famous violinist, to boot). The odd couple's love affair unblocks Wingo's life, though his sister's scars seem as nasty as

"Feel the pain," Lowenstein advises with great understanding once the family's unspoken secret slips out. Nolte duly cries, head against chest. At such moments you expect Streisand to sprout angel's wings, though the scene also demonstrates Nolte's courage in demolishing his strongman image. His is a remarkable perfor-

hings have come to mance: virile, yet vulnerable, alert to every inner torment the script can devise. Around though the film rarely gives them enough space. Blythe Danner as his long suffering wife, Kate Nelligan as the mother whose fancy airs help put the Wingos on their downward spiral, All told, The Prince of Tides

proves a mixed blessing: a fervent film that treats its characters as sentient beings, not punch-bags; a film let down by clumsy patches and Either way, Streisand and Noite make The Prince of Tides difficult to ignore.

Fashions in art cinema come and go. Where now are those beautiful, arid Italian enigmas, those Indian fables of magic and mystery? When great directors decline, or fall into silence, as have Antonioni and Satyajit Ray. interest in their national cine-ma declines alongside. The reverse happens when a new talent emerges: and the Chinese director Zhang Yimou is one of the best reasons why cinema from the Far East has taken such a hold on discerning audiences.
Raise the Red Lantern

(PG, Metro, Renoir) immediately plunges us into Zhang's special world. Admirers of Red Sorghum and Ju Dou spot the signposts: a period setting (the 1920s); a drama about women trapped by social laws and sexual jealousy; shots designed. timed and coloured with a visual poet's flair. Once again, Zhang's wife Gong Li. a flawless beauty, is his heroine and muse, cast as a 19year-old, briefly educated at university, forced through financial straits to become the fourth concubine of a wealthy

hang is in his element, fortrimals and colour symbolism dominate life at the grand mansion: Red lanterns bedeck the quarters of the wife chosen for the master's sexual favours; when evening comes her feet are massaged with rattles that echo through the building, infuriating the other wives left in the lurch. Wife number three, a former opera singer whose regal bitchery suggests a Chinese Joan Crawford, throws temperamental fits and takes delight in warbling away at ungodly hours; number two.



Barbra Streisand in The Prince of Tides: She directs and co-stars with Nick Nolte but, for a change, she is not featured as a singer

a homelier type, masks her enmity in smiles. Before the end, an ear is sliced and a pregnancy faked; someone is hanged, another goes mad. Yet despite the inviting

plot. Zhang holds in check the surging melodrama that made Ju Dou so exhilarating. Action unfolds with a chess game's deliberation; symmetry dominates the framing, the characters impaled in the mansion's doorways and alleys. Zhang creates powerful spectacle from the hoisting and extinguishing of the lanterns; he draws equal power from the acts of violence that we only hear. The master himself, wafting between wives at his own whim, looms in the film's shadows; this makes him appear all the more omnipotent.

"I reveal my ideas towards society, toward marriage, toward life in China, through one Chinese family." Zhang has explained. The view of his homeland appears despairing: this society, manacled to past traditions, warps and

stifles any free spirits.

No wonder the film remains banned in the People's Republic of China itself. As cinema, though, Raise the Red Lantern is a dazzling achievement: thoroughly gripping, beautifully controlled and

magnificently performed. When a film begins with a dishevelled Steve Martin, sitting in an armchair, unburdening his woes straight to the camera, you eagerly look forward to your first laugh. In time Father of the Bride (PG, Odeon West End, Odeon Marble Arch) supplies smiles, titters and occasional gul-faws: but a thick pall of disappointment still hangs in the air. Whenever Martin returns to his narration, as the father driven frantic by his daughter's impending marriage, you feel like collar-ing him: "Hey, Steve, where

are the jokes? The original film, after all, was funny enough. Spencer Tracy played the harassed father, Elizabeth Taylor was the blushing bride, sent off into cosy domesticity with all the expectations and modern conveniences that 1950 could provide. Edward Streeter's original book, delightfully il-lustrated by Gluyas Williams, was funnier still, in its understated way. But times and the American hearth have

changed; and this remake, written and directed by the husband-and-wife team of Charles Shyer and Nancy Meyers, makes a botched job of freshening the material. True, Steve Martin's father

- still called Mr Banks manufactures athletic shoes: and his daughter (pleasantly portrayed by Kimberly Williams) almost abandons her touching, and funny. beau after he gives her a kitchen blender, symbol of the housewife's life she refuses

to lead. Yet marriage and family values remain on a pedestal, while the characters live in an affluent cocoon: a Bel-Air mansion for the inlaws, a handsome San Marino house for the Banks menage. (Diane Keaton, forever beaming, and Kieran Culkin, Macaulay's younger aimed you know where. brother, complete the family.)

hyer and Meyers's script seems an exercise in spectator frustration. When Martin squeezes into his old tuxedo, or starts acting up in a supermarket, the stage is set for physical frenzy; but the scenes fizzle out. Instead, time is wasted extracting cheap laughs from Martin Short's limp-wristed "wedding coordinator", gabbling in an impossible accent.

The soundtrack's snippets of 1960s hits make the film easy listening for the babyboomer target audience, but skin-deep emotional scenes help drag out the proceedings to 105 minutes. For all its

faults, Alan Alda's Betsy's Wedding, two years ago. found better ways of making a modern wedding relevant.

Those unable to watch the razor slicing the eyeball in Bunuel and Dali's Un Chien Andalou will probably spend Afraid of the Dark (18, Cannon Haymarket) crouched under the seat in fear. For starters, blind people get slashed with a razor by a mystery psycho-path; the attack weapon then changes to a knitting needle,

British writer-director Mark Peploe, a past collabo-rator with Antonioni and Bertolucci, has higher aims than the film's bare bones indicate. Fantasy sequences trip up the spectator; voyeurism and lear come under the microscope, while homage is

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ARTS BRIEF

Reel money

THE American film industry is taking a keen interest in Britain's budget. Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, recently visited London to ask the Treasury to consider investment incentives for film production in the forthcoming budget.

Such incentives could mean a return to the mid-Eighties level of American production in Britain, when films such as Star Wars and the Indiana Jones series were made here. British film producers have been waging their own campaign for investment incentives in a bid to boost Britain's declining cinema industry.

Away to home

THE Royal Ballet is returning to Japan, for the first time in five years. The four-week tour will take Covent Garden's resident company to Tokyo and 11 other cities with a repertoire including the full-length La Bavadère. as well as one-act ballets by Ashton, MacMillan and Bintley The tour, which opens on May 15, also represents something of a homecoming for one company member: first soloist Tetsuya Kumakawa will dance the bravura Bronze Idol solo from Baradere in his homelown of Sapporo.

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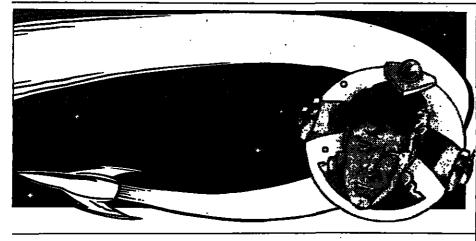
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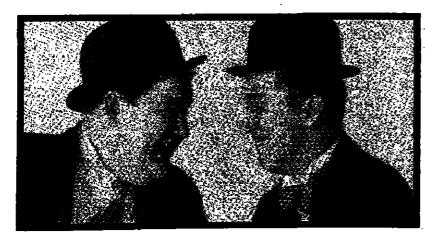
YOUNGER brother is often an invidious role. Alberto Savinio was born three years after Giorgio de Chirico, and despite the change of name and different fields of activity (Savinio was a musical prodi-gy and noted writer before he took up painting), he never quite threw off his sibling's shadow. The centenary retrospective at the Accademia Italiana (071-225 3474) in Kensington shows him to have been a very different sort of painter, a fully-fledged Surrealist with his own batch of obsessive images, and easily able to stand on his own feet. The exhibition continues

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Writer returns to vivid life

ome writers are gregar-ious: they enjoy the company of those leaders of publishing and the media whose fat cheques and fickle praise offer reassurance that they are not forgotten. Others are solitary creatures; even if they do not shun success, they prefer the fellowship of beings who, like them, greet obscurity with gratitude. And yet each kind of writer may be infinitely inquisitive about the other. That is the starting-point of last night's Miss Pym's Day Out (Bookmark, BBC 2): a subtle and affecting dramadocumentary produced and directed by James Runcie.

In 1977 the cancer which will kill Barbara Pym three years later is, her doctor tells her, in remission. Her reputation, too, looks healthier. Years of publishers' rejection slips after being dropped by Jonathan Cape in 1963 now over, she is the object of a flurry of attention, thanks to the shortlisting of her novel Quartet in Autumn for the Booker Prize. Still she asks herself: "What is the future for my kind of writing?"

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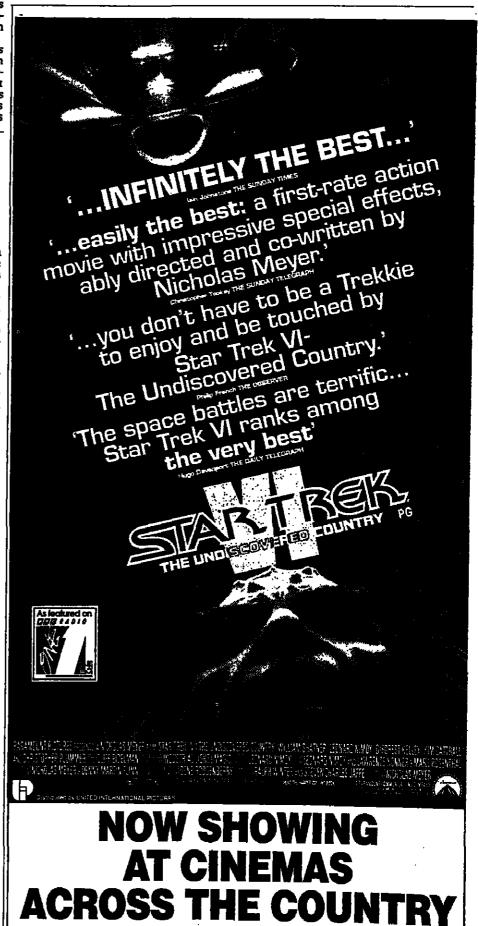
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plays herself, admirably) in a Cotswold village to attend the prize-giving dinner. The film attempts to reconstruct its subject's stream of consciousness during that day, interweaving vignettes from her novels with letters to Philip Larkin and, presumably, journes from the notebook she carried everywhere. Pym's day begins — slightly improbably -- with a sermon comparing life to a piece of embroidery ("some people don't put in enough stitches"), thus identifying the first of her two principal loves: the Anglican church and English literature. About the portly but single Vicar of Finstock (lan McNeice), various widows and spinsters - including, it is suggested, the heroine - entertain matrimonial daydreams. At the church bazaar, he fawns over the visiting Jilly Cooper, who sidesteps him in order to pay homage to a superior novelist. But the depths of Pym's

religiosity are also fathomed. In London she falls to her knees to pray for herself, "this sick member". In the aftermath of the dinner she thanks Larkin for one of his blackest and most atheistic poems. tainty of extinction, but for her, too, literature is "all about failure". The irony of her own situation — long neglected and thus capable of rediscovery - does not escape her.

The best moments are occasioned by embarrassment. Tom Maschler, Cape's literary adviser, has to explain to her how he came to reject her novel. "It didn't occur to me to read it," he says, pointing out that others at Cape had already done so. Perhaps some of those who watched this satisfying miniature will follow suit.

Daniel Johnson



Snakes in the grass of history

Harold James finds Francis Fukuyama's attempt to make man's destiny manifest in one volume is well-timed, now that the euphoria of 1989 has abated

an lives in hope. What would happen if all expectations were to be suddenly fulfilled by a historical fairy godmother? Having nothing more to hope for, and as a result nothing more to live for, we should

become deeply unhappy.

In this new world, there would be no point in being optimistic, because everything that might be desired has already been realised. Perversely, pessimism in this utopian world would emerge in reaction to the absence of optimism.

Over the past three years there has been a considerable rethinking of antitudes to the future. The end of communism has produced a pro-nounced anti-utopianism. Does this indicate that we have reached a utopia in which utopias disappear? 1989 fundamentally transformed the political and intellectual land-scape, not just in Eastern Europe. The triumph of political liberalism in combination with market econ-

perception that the two were logically linked, ended the attractions of dreams of the left.

People may of course change their ideas, and they frequently do. But the creators of ideas, intellectuals, are perhaps curiously often the most resistant to this sort of change, because they have built careers on a

particular interpretation.

So when the left critique of contemporary society collapsed, the old guard reformulated and defended their position in terms of a deep scepticism about the new political environment. How often is it said by those who formerly eulogized East European authoritarian states that the situation has deteriorated, that the risks of change have been too high, that the costs cannot be calculated! After 1989, an old division of political outlooks reemerged, with the signs reversed, around the poles of optimism and pessimism. The pessimists were the former optimists, a classical 20th century vintage, believers in plan-

On the other side the new optimists thought that the unplanned principles of a liberal economic and political order could be applied universally, irrespective of very diverse cultural and social traditions. The pessimists in turn say the optimists are simple-minded.

No statement caught the new mood of 1989 better than an anticipatory essay, published in the summer, before the east European revolutions really unfolded, in a small American journal, the National Interest. Entitled "The End of History?", Fukuyama's article rapidly drew international attention, to which he has responded with a 300 page restatement of the thesis, with more historical details (some unfortunately bizarrely incorrect, such as the claim that before 1780 there were no democracies, or that the English civil war was fought between Catholics and Protestants).

In 1989 he had pointed out not only the weakness of authoritarian states (whether on the left or the right) and the strengths of liberalism, but also suggested that since History had depended on the clash of doctrines, it had now arrived at an End. Beyond liberal democracy

Only on the surface did this account appear to be a powerful and attractive argument for optimism. While the world of liberal democracy guaranteed peace, stability and toleration, at the same time it brought homogenisation, con-sumerism, and a decreasing interest in politics. Fukuyama thought this would turn out to be rather "sad".

Man does not live by the accumulation of material wealth alone, but needs a self-esteem which can be inflated into the desire for domination over others. Such virtue, in Fukuyama's account, moulded aristocratic society and produced art, philosophy, music, as well as war and conflict. As we know from The Third Man, liberal democracy means the cuckoo clock, not Michelangelo. Like Harry Lime, Fukuyama thinks this is depressing. In 1992 Fukuyama's triumphalist

melancholia appears even more

compelling. In the former East, the epoch of struggle against tyranny THE END OF HISTORY the painful and bewildering task of AND THE LAST MAN By Francis Fukuyama Hamish Hamilton, E17.99

nomic transition to

the market. The End of History identified in the book is the outcome of a process. driven by a "Mechanism or set of first causes", produced by science and leading to an economic logic of industrialisation. Fukuyama be-lieves his Mechanism is Hegelian.

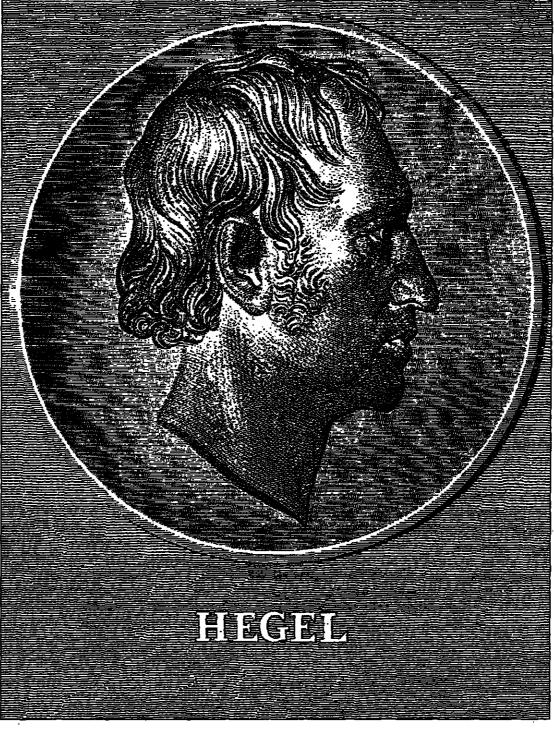
In reality it is a misinterpretation of Hegel perpetrated by a Russian emigre in the 1930s, Alexandre Kojève, who held Hegel to say that the historical process could come to a final stop. That historical halt had been 1806, the year of Napoleon's victory in the battle of Jena over the last strong authoritarian ancien regime state. Everything after this was merely a postlude.

Fukuyama's other pessimistic gu rus are Friedrich Nietzsche (the alleged slave mind of modernity and the consumerist "last men") and Alexis de Tocqueville (the equalising effects of democracy).

ike an updated de Tocqueville. Fukuyama is both fascinated and appalled by the extension of democratic egalitarianism. He dislikes the idea of holding out self-esteem to everyone, irrespective of behaviour or moral qualities, since both of these are relative, and according to contemporary orthodoxy are not the property of the individual, but instead the outcome of broader. impersonal social forces. He points out that egalitarian principles of this kind could be used to protect the selfesteem of dogs, or trees, or amoeba, or indeed Aids viruses.

In this world, politics stops being about differences and begins to be concerned with the generation of new equalities. At this point, according to Fukuyama, it fails to meet the requirements of human self-esteem and we move to the finalities of the grand drama of Hegelian Capitalisation. Since we have reached the End of History and we are the Last Men and There Is No Alternative, it is impossible to escape.

Fukuyama has written a fine account of the absence of a sense of history in contemporary America. Americans have had no recent







Fukuyama's three prophets: Hegel, de Tocqueville (left) and Nietzsche

experience of war and destruction on their own territory, and find it impossible to imagine what History can do. Instead. American society treats history as a costume pageant.
It should be said that America has had both a sense of idealism and of

historical mission. Fukuyama's writing is an expression of the sentiment of a great liberal cause. Nor is modern America unique in existing without a European notion of historical consciousness.

Japan from the 15th century survived historylessness by develop-ing a set of formal, contentless ritual acts such as tea-serving and flower arranging. The condition was more general, however, and Europe be-fore the Enlightenment had a sense of history only in as far as this was provided by a Christian and non-

worldly teleology. Indeed nontheological long-term patterns were only discovered just before Kojeve's Hegel thought they came to an end. For a big phenomenon, Capital-ised History had a brief life: 1789 as birth and 1806 (according to Hegel-Kojève) as death. Was it the triumph of Napoleon or the Rise of the State or the End of ideologies or even the End of the Cold War that Hegel

foretold in 1806? The notion of historical mission survived 1806 in the idealism of the developmental theories of old-style liberals, and in the utopianism of socialists. Both believed their cause would triumph because of historical necessity. Both optimisms appeared to be refuted by experience the liberal version by the failure of liberalism in 1914, the socialist optimism by 1989 (at the latest). Fukuyama has tried to rescue optimism by linking it with an giae nostalgia for aristocratic society. Ancient Japan holds the solution for our behavioural probiems as much as modern Japan might provide a model for a new economic rationality.

We should, if we were to follow Fukuyama, convince ourselves to be optimistic while we cultivate our tea ceremonies. But there are also less narcissistic ways of expressing op-timism, and they include being just relatively proud of where History has got us, rather than completely convinced that we are right.

Harold James, a professor of history at Princeton, is the author of A German Identity: 1770-1990.

Nevermore the Raven?

've got nothing left to say. I haven't had for years," daims the novelist Fielding Gray, Simon Raven's fictional counterpart and frequent mouthpiece, in the seventh and final volume of the First Born of Egypt sequence, titled The Trouba-

"But", qualifies Gray with characteristic mock-modesty. "one learns lots of tricks as one grows old in the profession, so one can go on for a long time dolling up the same old thing to look fresh and attractive."

Raven is an irrepressible tease, and it is in great part his gritty British irony that has earned both the Alms for Oblivion series and this concluding one (which, taken in narrative conjunction, consti-tute the longest roman fleuve in contemporary literature) such a heady cult-readership. But the test of any sequel, never mind the closing epi-

sode of a monumentally es-tablished collection, must lie in its ability to withstand individual scrutiny, to appeal to the uninitiated. Even if populated by the same "mor-ally derelict" personages as its precursors, and even if these are still driven by the same malevolent sense of anarchy. The Troubadour can, and amply does, hold its own. The fact that the pages are pep-pered with Raven's now familiar footnotes referring the reader back to earlier yarns does not detract from the book's essential impact. This slightly quaint retrospective device is a mere authorial doff in the direction of the seasoned devotee, rather than a snobby means of intimidating the newcomer.

Aside from Raven's evident obsession with his barmy dramatis personae, the sheer prolifigacy of his output must, in part, be explained by the near hysterical tempo of the narrative itself. Only a matter of months divides the precedPaul Golding

THE TROUBADOUR By Simon Raven Hutchinson, £13.99

ing In The Image of God from The Troubadour. How does Raven get away with it? With consummate ease: for all the arguable

family of his plots, he writes

like a dream. His spiffy donnish prose is erudite to the point of immodesty; and the thematic allure of his work seems never to dim. The strength of his writing is based on a conscious play of pomposity is relieved by puerile levity: nitpicky social stric-tures, by sexual laxity; obscure classical allusions are set against jaw-dropping profanities; dead-pan documentary realism, against "clever optical effects", visions, inti-

hat distinguishes
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however, is its (alleged) finality. From the dustthis, boys and girls, is it. And the reptilian head of noxious Raisley Conyngham does, at long last and all but literally.

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Plenty of others also meet their unlikely ends, but the fact that a choice handful of beguiling figures (the all im-portant Fielding Gray among them) still remain on the fictional chopping block. leads one to suspect that, although this memorable saga has come to a regrettable close, Raven's retiring stance may in fact turn out to be a posturing hoax. In which case, even if the next offering only amounts to "a story, at best a legend", late-converted disciples will be out like mythological wolves baying at the moon for more.

New rash of nappy novels

novel describes with almost embarrassing accuracy the extraordinary, often maudlin and sentimental reaction of most women to remarks. The Baby has not been much examined in literature, and those who have not yet experienced the power exerted by that bald fat deity may feel that the emotions captured here are at best a glimpse of the obvious, at worst too pathetic to be articulated.

What the childless reviewer will fail to appreciate is how truthfully Emerson depicts the heightened state in which the new mother exists, once her suit and her orderly desk have been taken from her, and her fine mind has nothing to exercise itself on other than the mysteries of Penelope Leach and the One-O'Clock Club.

For all is roller coaster-like ecstasy — the longing for the baby to sleep, and the dreadful panic-stricken longing for it to wake up; the insecurity without it, the longueurs with it: the misery of half an hour's separation, the strange feeling of indivisibility.

As Emerson emphasises, the only proper term for this relationship is the grand passion. With the obstacles posed to the affair in the post-Pill feminist generation by the equally powerful goddess of work, she neatly sums up London today as women meeting secretly to "talk in low voices about their babies when they used to meet secretly and talk about their

n this latter-day idyll the serpent is of course The Nanny. And in this case the plight of the nanny, in reality a disturbed dispossessed mother at the mercy of her odious barrister ex-husband, deepens the theme of maternal bonds while only straying a little towards Patricia Highsmith. Set against a wittily evoked

background of the confident professional classes this frequently moving and accom-plished novel deserves to be widely read.

In contrast Maureen Freely's The Stork Club takes parenthood into Mel Brooks/Woody Allen/highanxiety-is-the-only-art-form territory.
In Southern California the

sardonic Mike, apparently the last bastion of unregenerated male chauvinism, and still holding out against green nurseries and earnest feelgoodism, is forced to adopt sheep's dothing in order to rekindle his feminist wife Laura's affections.

Rebecca Fraser **SEPARATION**

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By Sally Emerson Scribners, £14.99 THE STORK CLUB By Maureen Freely Bloomsbury £14,99

Abandoning his law practice for the sake of her fulfilment he becomes primary caretaker and househusband and at the mercy of the limitless empathy of the female support groups who used to get Laura through the

day.
Though initially he is overcome with self-disgust at his previous contempt for such thoughtful and caring human beings, in the end nature prevails over nurture, and Mike shows the ultimate support for his wife's best friends by seducing all of them - in the process losing

Hysterically funny set pieces summon up an alarming if politically incorrect Overview of what the future holds. My only gripe was that they were somewhat uneasily intercut with Mike's elegies for past love, as the character of the ingrate Laura, in all the helter skelter fun, is never sufficiently well established for us to care whether she runs off with an Onassis, or

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Not Anglicans, but angels

After this week's general synod, Edward Norman asks whether a secular society still needs a church intended for sinners

By Ian Bradley

gest that the church he came to establish will always be a minority affair, and the number of those who take his message seriously and use it as the pattern for their own lives has always been modest. He delivered his truth, neverthe-

less, to a gathered people, and not to an intellectual system or to personal writings. There are occasions in history when exactly who these people are need not be defined too precisely - in times when there is general confidence in the sustaining culture within which the Christians of the period express the time-

divine salvation. But when the culture is uncertainly known, undermined by intellec-

disintegration of ancient values, then the clear identity of the "people of God" (to use the splendid expression of the Second Vatican Council) becomes of the greatest importance. In such a context the everlasting task of deciding what is transient, and may without hazard be abandoned, and what is crucial to faith. rests on their prophetic judgment.

How adequately prepared are the "people of God" in Britain for all this? May the prelates arranged upon the benches of the House of Lords be seen without hesitation as the contemporary representatives of the apostles; may the synods be compared with the ecclesiastical assemblies of the past? Is the decline in British church membership the indication of a terminal sickness, or is it only the stark revelation of a minority concern for religion that

has always in reality been the case? The Church of England, whatever its inspirational qualities and the affection still felt for its presence within the national life, has two major problems. The first is that it has no agreed pedigree,

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any are called, but few are chosen.

There are sayings of Christ which suglarger parts of Christendom. It has a partially acknowledged crisis about its own authority.

The second problem derives

from its progressive internal secularization. This is also its strength in a perversely English manner. The church is simply too close to prevailing attitudes. The public and the intelligentsia are impatient of exact doctrine and want, to the extent that they want anything of religion, a church ded-icated to benevolence and welfare. So does the Church of England,

and in varying degrees of consciousness that seems to be MARCHING TO THE the position of the PROMISED LAND other British Has the Church a Future? churches as well The clergy are more comfortable in the guise of welfare officers

tual relativism and by the than they are as teachers of doctrinal truth and intermediaries of sacramental mysteries. Let anyone who doubts this call

in at the average parish church and take in a sermon. The content will invariably derive from some aspect of current sacral values whatever enthusiasm for human welfare is at the moment to the fore of public debate. Religion has become re-interpreted as the bas-tion of the High Moral Ground in matters of social justice. There is an odd class unanimity

about this: both the public and the intelligentsia expect religion to be primarily a matter of humanitarian ideals and social decency. That it is more properly to be regarded as something addressed to the unpleasing facts of human nature, and is all about divine discrimination and impending judgment does not have appeal — even. apparently, among the clergy. Christianity no longer presents itself as the hope of the morally frail, the refuge of sinners. It is, like the secular idealism around it. the higher dimension of humani-

tarian censoriousness. Precisely because things are as or, as churchmen would put it, it has no unambiguous "doctrine of the church". It believes in the church. They are the victims of a



In this anonymous allegory, the dying Henry VIII hands on to his son Edward VI the task of completing the English reformation by trampling on the Pope.

condition not of their making. When it comes to accommodation and equivocation they are no worse than their predecessors, as a glance at the Victorian bishops will show. When it comes to sympathetic presentation of pastoral concern they are as good as any have been before them.

It would be helpful if the distinction between the leaders and the led were removed from discussion of the existing pros-pects for Christianity in Britain. The Anglican experience of synodical government in the last two decades shows that the laity, once let in on the act, are not qualitatively different from the

clerical leadership. The church is patently failing to identify itself in society; it has no clear message that is distinctly spiritual in content, and it persistently misuses its resources. It is actually the same with most other institutions in British society. But the church, the "people of God", should be different: it should be saying something about the spiritual state of individuals. That is more important than grinding on

about their welfare entitlements. In his evenly-written account of the churches, Ian Bradley, a minister in the Church of Scotland, surveys the current state of all the denominations. It is one of the advantages of his work that he does so, and anyone seeking an accurate and well-mannered account of the condition of the churches will find it here.

Bradley has the gift of stating different positions with fairness.

But his survey is also predictable. Despite occasional fissures which point to the depths, his analysis remains largely on the surface. He recognizes the two problems of authority and secularization, but the book devotes most of its space to describing symptoms of the malaise, rather than the nature of

The churches themselves are obsessively worried about their inability to define an effective role in society. But what is wrong is that they have mistaken their

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Gospel is for sinners, but people in modern society do not regard themselves as sinners. They look to the church for a social message one which stops short of political interference. Spiritual injunctions aimed at eliciting repentance seem unlikely to appeal either to the clergy or to their people.

message. The good news of the

Dr Norman, a distinguished ecclesiastical historian, is Chaplain of Christ Church College,

belief in love

B rooding and unsure who he is, like Hamlet, with whom he has always identified, Bill Unwin. the Ellison Fellow at Trinity, Cambridge for a college occupying the same space, and likewise enjoying an avenue of limes) decides upon self-slaughter. But he botches it, and discovers that for him. Ever After began not with his own death, but with that of his beloved wife, the actress Ruth Vaughan. "Ah, yes, the monstrosity, the iniquity of love — that another person should be the world."

Love can make us believe so Make-believe so, perhaps, like the love Ruth feigned when playing Cleopatra. Or is love a belief in the sense of a conviction, like the belief in evolution which ruined Bill's Victorian forebear, Matthew Pearce? Is a love affair, a marriage, a matter of choice,

or convenience, or providence? Like Bill's. Manhew's marriage seemed to be made heaven, as his preserved note-

books reveal, but then with the death of his baby son and the discovery of an ichthyosaur, his heaven fell in. Together, the inexplicable, unforgivable squandering of human life, and the age-old fossils (uncarthed near the grey coast with its melancholy. long, withdrawing roar) sapped Matthew's Christian faith, forcing him to part from his wife despite

How different was the accidental, expedient marriage of Bill's gadfly mother and his stepfather. Sam. in post-war Paris. Here, as a child, Bill saw that "a whole world existed in which men did up the backs of women's dresses at four o'clock in the afternoon." For Sam, "it was just a fling. It just happened to end up lasting forty years." He never believed in a girl for every boy and a boy for every girl. "It's just who you get thrown against in the trolley-car, and there's more than one trolley-

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cur and more than one ride." Yesterday, Darwinians like Matthew were pilloried as descended from apes, yet today no one believes the old poetic fiction of a creator. Tomorrow, perhaps everyone will follow Sam in discarding the delusion of romantic love; and will they be human? Deny love, that "concoction of the poets", and for Bill - as

for Graham Swift - life is

nothing. In this beautiful, meditative book, Swift's sympathies are with the romantics, like Bill, even as he contemplates the chance of another trolleycar ride: "He is filled with dismay, a giddy sense of arbitrariness, an apprehension that the universe holds nothing sacred; all of which is only to be stilled by the imperative of loyal resistance." How finely this catches the temptations we face - we who only live once and wonder what-the-hell.

Perhaps the book is too schematic in making flexible Sam a big noise in plastics. his very speech a vulgarity ("You gotta have substitoots"). And perhaps Bill's academic rival — a professional as well as a sexual charlatan - is a knock-down figure. But despite the univer-

sity setting, these

are not the shal-

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Jim McCue

EVER AFTER By Graham Swift

Lodge or a Malcolm Bradbury - those big Picador, £14.99 noise substitoots. Swift is set acute observation and thrilling exactness of description. He hears the rhythms (and

rhymes) of prose, and sees the iustice of French mots for describing Paris: "I must have been, by then, a fully-fledged truant, fläneur, voyeur . . . Looking back on the rapture of his mother's shopping ing out with her booty, she would hug me ardently, as if

expeditions, Bill now under stands her selfishness. "Comit were I who had enabled her. so successfully to succumb." The assonance of sound -"successfully . . . succumb" conspires with the dissonance of meaning. To succumb is not to triumph, but to yield. This is a dissipation deter-

mined to give in to everything, yet without the courage of recklessness. She also surrenders — Pyrrhic success - to other appetites. "Une creme, un jus d'orange". and, falling back into expressive English. "... two of those wicked little tarts" - that double entendre in the presence of a child pointing straight to her misuse of him as a shield of innocence.

This is exceptional writing. not showy or meretricious: Loving fidelity to his art has rewarded Graham Swift. After the disappointment of his last novel, the author of Waterland is back on form.

talo Calvino's death in L loss for literature. His was a darting, playful, pro-found spirit, a quickener of the morose and leavener of the heavy.

His agility and his ability to surprise may be sensed throughout Six Memos for the Next Millennium, a series of lectures which death prevented him from giving. "Memo" implies both re-minder and informal address, and that is exactly what these are: upholding and thus reminding us of the literary values of lightness, quickness, exactitude, visibility and multiplicity. The sixth — on consistency - was never written. They are the best commentary on his own fiction and far more than that.

In "Lightness" he explains his early abandonment of social realism by calling on the Perseus myth: to face the world directly is to turn to

faced with "Heaviness", in the "invisible particles" of Lucretius, of Cyrano de Bergerac, and of modern science which makes all things equal and as magically combinable as are the letters of

the alphabet. In "Quickness" he lingers on a Charlemagne legend which illustrates how in a narrative any object is always

The millennial warnings are as crisply done. He traces the horse as an image, throughout literature, of speed; pin-points our own age of the frantically fast as opening with De Quincey's account of a near-miss on a distinguishes mental speed

mail-coach: from its homogenising and flattening media equivalents.

the process a justification of literature as a sharpener. not a blunter. of differences. The agonising

slowness of literary creation he personifies in Vulcan, but Calvino's own patron is the winged god Mercury.
In "Exactitude". Calvino

inveighs against the carelessness of modern language use. the "pestilence" of the visual media and its "unending rainfall of images", and our "loss of form" — indicating how deeply this most subver sive of novelists depended upon the rules of the game. Indeed, he makes us hyperaware of those rules, and thus

Adam Thorpe

SIX MEMOS FOR THE **NEXT MILLENNIUM** and UNDER THE JAGUAR SUN

By Italo Calvino Cape, E5.99 and £10.99

> the mass of "prefabricated imagery, littering minds "like a rubbish dumo The fifth essay has turned

out to be Calvino's final word. With its references to Flaubert. Borges, Valery, Proust et al. he places himself in the grand modernist tradition vhile resting his hopes for the literary future on that continuing "active scepticism" which he sees in all the great books of this century. Conflu-

sufficiently to and the manifold: Calvino's weave is elaborate and utterly straightforward at the same time. What would he have said in "Consistency"? The sixth memo rides on the wind somewhere: a very Calvinolike entity, in fact.

The three stories in Under the Jaguar Sun are in search of a frame, as Calvino himself admitted. Three of the five senses provide each with its accumulating metaphor, so there is form of sorts; but, in the end, the book is something of a lost soul, as if the various false starts in If on a winter's night a traveller were made to stand alone.

The first story, in which a couple erotically recover each other among the hot spices and ancient cannabalistic cruelties of Mexico. lacks

Calvino's usual freshness. while the last is an unhappy mish-mash of olfactory periods to show the stink behind the scent. The middle story, however, is a small masterpiece. Using Calvino's favoured second person, "vou" sit on a throne, immobile, alert, intent on sounding out treachery: the palace is "your ear" on fate. Calvino takes us on an aural journey into our own paranoias.

"Does some story link one sound to another?" Once again (as in all his best works) Calvino makes us aware, not just of his own "pursuit of things", but of our

own breath, our own querulous humanity. Adam Thorpe is the author of two volumes of poetry. Mornings in the (1988) and Meeting Mon-taigne (1990). His first novel.

Ulverion, will be published

Saved by the wood

Tor the animal rights brigade the mink poses nasty dilemma. Caged up by capitalists for the adornment of their kind, he is symbolic of wicked exploitation. Let loose in the countryside he is liable to murder all the fauna within range. How bold therefore of

Gene Kemp to try to write a narrative poem about this unpleasant creature. Her setting is Wistman's Wood ("it's in all the guide books") down on the western edge of Dartmoor. The burden of her tale is the surreptitious release of a mink-farmer's stock and the subsequent battle between the mink and the animals who live in the gnarled and rocky confines of the Wood. Poetic licence allows shifts of tone from onomatopoeic descriptions to colloquial comments, with a quantity of animal dialogue thrown in. The dilemma persists how-

ever Faced with the combination of liberated mink and slaughtered brocks, Gene Kemp backs away into unconvincing fantasy. She introduces a visionary albino rat (female, of course) who summons up the Whisht Hounds, the devil-dogs of West Country legend, and between them they bring about a magical truce. As the poem closes the mink are dispersing to create mayhem in other parts of the

landscape. This ridiculous scenario might be tolerable if it were supported by some assured balladry. Gene Kemp though



Badgers: a wood engraving by Andrew Davidson

Brian Alderson

THE MINK WAR By Gene Kemp Illustrated by Andrew Davidson Faber, £4.99 paper

Indeed, the experiment would be beyond redemption were it not for the gallant assistance of Andrew Davison who has somehow been inspired to create a series of spectacular wood engravings for the book.

Seven tautly cut vignettes and ten big, smoothly rhythhas never tried this kind of mic designs consort oddly with the labouring prosody, writing before, and she is but they do catch something quite unable to sustain the rhythmic drive needed by a of the atmospheric effects after which the ballad was narrative poem with a pun-

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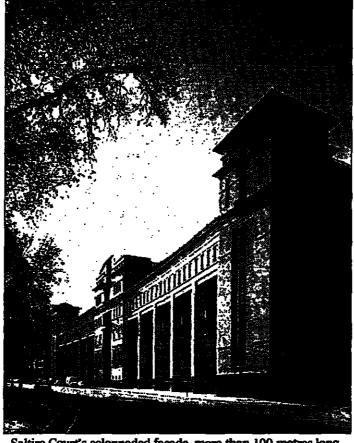
Saltire Court, now let as a multipurpose complex containing oflices and shops, succeeds because its young architect, Alan Robinson, of Campbell & Arnott, has a natural gift for handling scale and mass. The most obvious comparison is with Terry Farrell's new office building on the Thames above Charing Cross station. I put it to Mr Robinson that some hightechnology architects couldn't reconcile themselves to Farrell's building, though they accept its power. "What's wrong with pow-er?" he asked. "I wanted strength. robust strength."

Saltire Court is also a vindication of the Prince of Wales's concern that more weight should be given to public opinion in competition judging. When the 22 entries for this site were put on show in Edinburgh, Campbell &-Arnott was the choice of 49 per cent of visitors. And by all accounts local people are well satisfied. "We haven't had a single hostile comment." Mr Robinson

says.

For more than 25 years the site had been Edinburgh's most notorious eyesore, an embarrassing hole in the ground next to the Usher Concert Hall and the Lyceum Theatre. Numerous proposals, notably for an opera-house, had foundered. Eventually, Edinburgh City Council opted for a commercial scheme with public benefits, and invited architects and developers to tender jointly. Campbell & Arnott's original proposal, submitted with Scottish Metropolitan was for a Scottish financial centre, with a public atrium containing shops and ca-les, linked to Usher Hall. Others proposed hotels.

The main front has the raised centre and ends typical of grand public buildings from the Renaissance onwards. In creating so deep and angular a colonnade, Mr Robinson risks clumsiness, but dispels it by designing the band of



Saltire Court's colonnaded façade, more than 100 metres long windows above in a single majestic

sweep right across the centre.

The deep colonnade has a practical purpose. It gains a full storey of well-lit office space in the basement. The corner towers have echoes of Lutyens and Baker in New Delhi, with low loggias topped by over-sailing flat rooms and pudding domes. In the centre, a pair of these towers are linked by a glazed segmental arch which at

night lights up. Beneath, Mr Robinson cleaves a narrow, vertical gash revealing the full height of the entrance hall within. The two sides are linked by a steel balcony, continuing the line of the exposed steel lintels between the columns. "I did not want to create an impression of stone hanging in an impossible way," Mr Robinson says.

Look more closely and you see all the traditional classical ele-

ments. The basement has bands of rough-cut rusticated stone. The piano nobile has the customary long windows and balconies, on an elegant "X" pattern, with triple bands at top and bottom. Mr Robinson eschews the mansards which disfigure the top of many modern buildings and his upper storey is set well back behind a continuous balustrade.

In reaction to a few recent flirtations with curtain glass walling, Mr Robinson here takes Edinburgh back to stone, a creamy Stainton from the north of England with highlights of sandstone from Gatelaw Bridge.

Inside, the vertical proportions of the hall are breathtaking. He avoids a claustrophobic narrowness by opening up the lower two floors with colonnades. Behind these, twin staircases make a stately ascent to the first floor with

short flights alternating with generous landings. The flights are carried on massive, exposed-steel girders. "I was consciously not high-tech. It's low-tech. The joints are quite crude," Mr Robinson

The palette appears to be a smart combination of white, black and grey, but everything which looks black, except the reception desk, is in fact a dark, graphite

grey.
The hall floor is laid in a diamond pattern of two shades of grey edged with pink tiles looking like polished granite. The lower walls behind the colonnades are in bands of alternating rough and polished grey granite. An extra flash of elegance is provided by the balustrades of the first flight of steps, which disappear like hoops straight into the ground

Mr Robinson's love of mass is in evidence with the curve of the rotunda shouldering its way into the atrium. Externally, this rotunda forms the public entrance and will be illuminated at night to catch the eye from busy Lothian Road. Immediately below is the new 250-seat Traverse Theatre, now leased to an experimental

he flanks of Saltire Court are rather more plainly treated than the main front, but they are important as the streets on either side slope down steeply and frame views of Edinburgh Castle on its crag. Here, Mr Robinson's towers come into play, as the tops are seen right beside the castle. Every view has been considered. The new building looks well across the valley bottom from Princes Street and all the equipment on the roof is contained within pavilions intended to satisfy the eye of visitors

Over the centuries many competition designs have been whittled down by financial cutbacks but. while Mr Robinson had to do some trimming, notably the loss of the Usher Hall link, his design lost neither power nor finesse. Saltire Court deserves an award

but even more, its architect deserves a place on the shortlists of



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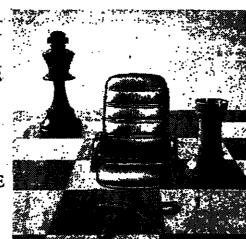
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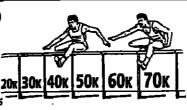
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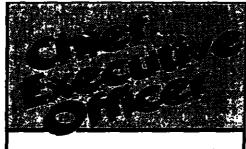
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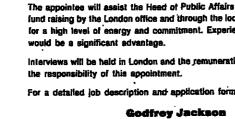
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Paths from the plateau

Managers who stagnate should re-assess their careers, writes

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areer plateau is a term that has been coined to describe the point at which managers find they can go no further in an organisation. Stripped of the incentive of promotion, they can easily become demotivated, experiencing not only a decline in performance, but also a sharp fall in self-esteem.

Alternatively, by refusing to accept that their careers have peaked, they may try to undermine the authority of those above them

or develop the destructive charac-teristics of a workaholic.

Yet, in spite of today's emphasis on self-development and career diagnosis, for many managers career plateauing remains a serious cause of frustration because neither they nor their organisations see the problem until it is acute.

In 1985, a report by the Sundridge Park Management Centre, in Bromley, southeast London, showed that in some large organisations half of all managers had plateaued.

There is no reason to think that the phenomenon has since gone away. The trend towards flatter, less hierarchical organisations suggests that in future there will be fewer opportunities for vertical promotion and that a growing number of managers will hit the plateau earlier in their careers.

Hank B. Karp, an organisational psychologist at the Personal Growth Systems consultancy in Virginia Beach, Virginia, claims that in the United States the pressures of foreign competition, a rise in merger and takeover activity and the demographic bulge attributed to the baby boomers of the 1960s have already led to an increase in career plateauing among middle managers.

However, plateauing, he says. does not have to be a problem. It becomes a problem only when its symptoms are ignored. Yet for those who know what to look for plateauing is easy to spot.

Plateaued managers, the ex-perts say, are likely to include: Those who have not been pro-



Taking the lead: older managers who have plateaued should redefine their role in the organisation. Carole Pemberton says

moted in the previous seven years. or have been passed over more

than once. • Those for whom work assignments have become routine and who suddenly prefer to be any-

Those who find that their performance has slipped and that they are less concerned than they used to be about wastage at work and ensuring that tasks are completed on time.

 Those who are considering look-ing elsewhere for a job because their loyalty to the organisation and their image of themselves within it have fallen.

Other indicators are chronic lateness and absenteeism in formerly conscientious individuals. Too many managers, however, do not realise that they are

plateauing, Mr Karp says, and receive no help from the organis-ation that employs them. Left to their own devices they react in one of four ways. On the positive side, immune managers have no desire for promotion and continue to find work challenging even when their careers reach a plateau. "Adapters" understand plateauing and try to adopt a positive attitude to work that does not revolve around the next job

Problems occur with "internalisers", who equate promotion with self-worth, and "denying" managers, who refuse to accept that there is no room for advancement. believing instead that if they work longer and harder then promotion

rofessor Andrew Sou-erwine, at the University of Connecticut, says plateaued managers who feel trapped by their own inertia can also be disruptive to the performance of others within the

Their frustration makes them a real nuisance if they start using their creativity to try to become more powerful than the position allows, Professor Souerwine says. "In one case an individual who felt his job was beneath his ability began testing his boss, whom he saw as less able than himself. His motivation became, 'How high can I get my boss to jump today?" " Most damaging of all, says Carole Pemberton, a research consultant at Sundridge Park, is the belief among managers that the level they have reached defines their ability. It is the connection between plateauing and com-petence that she challenges.

She says: "It is important to look at whether an individual is plateaued in terms of ability or because of the structure of the organisation. A lack of promotion opportunities can too easily be confused with a lack of ability, so that organisations start to see individuals as finished when all that has happened is that the number of rungs on the ladder have run out."

So what should you do if you suspect that your career has plateaued? Ms Pemberton, who introduced the "Reaping the Rewards of Experience" programme at Sundridge Park this year, suggests that older managers should take the lead in redefining their role within the organisation. As a starting point she advocates a career audit to rediscover skills to recognise the assets that experience bestows. "These individuals still have a lot to offer." she says. "They should take stock of their careers and look at the direction in which the organisation is moving. They may then have to take more

control by identifying projects that

their experience equips them to do, or by telling the organisation about ways in which their skills can be better used." Other suggestions from the experts include: Ask your boss to be frank about your promotion prospects and discuss your own aspirations.

Perhaps you are impatient for advancement or have found a niche that suits you. Consider ways to make yourself more attractive to the organisation, by adding to your qualifica-

tions, for example.

• Work with your boss to find new challenges outside work, through horizontal transfer or by secondment within the organisation. • Re-assess the organisation to check that you are being realistic

Unemployment is a family affair

LIKE a bullet, redundancy outplacement consultancy, may not cause much external says: "It is vital to explain to damage, but the unseen effects can be devastating. One lost job can mean several shanered lives — those of the employee, partner and children.

Enlightened organisations now know that a person faced with redundancy needs professional support and advice. Few realise that the partner is also in need of help.

Often a partner will react more emotionally than the employee. This protective instinct can cause resentment against the company.

John Ogden, a director of DPS Consultants, an outplacement firm, says: "During redundancy a couple are going through a traumatic period, yet the partner's needs and anxieties are usually ignored."

Gwenda Palmer .was asked to accompany her husband. Sidney, on a three-day DPS seminar in Kent, she thought it was a chance for

some sightseeing. However, the seminar was aimed at partners, as well as those made redundant.

"We were told where to go for financial advice." Mrs Palmer says, "and told the importance of keeping healthy and being well turned out for interviews. My husband had worked for the Royal Mail for 25 years, so the prospect of having to sell himself to somebody new was daunting. We

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"Being married so long means we work as a team, and. having both attended the seminars, we could discuss issues together."
The most important thing

in redundancy counselling is to get the partner's support and understanding, says Terry Lyons, the chairman of the Institute of Personnel Managers' national forum on Mr Lyons, a director of

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the partner what is happening. and to give him or her an op-portunity to talk about any strains on the family. We invite the couple to attend a counselling session together so that we can discuss ways in which the wife, or husband, can help."

Sometimes, as Mr Lyons points out, just an hour's counselling can be beneficial.

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says, "but they are symptomatic of underlying Anger after depression at losing a job is a part of affected bethe recovery worries over

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The quotation is taken from the book Zander by two scientists, one a biologist, the other a geologist, who feel the fish deserves a better press. They call themselves zandophiles, creating a word not yet to be found in any dictionary.

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ble up in thousands, including roach, dace, bleak, gudgeon and bream? No, say the authors of Lunder, both keen zander hunters. But they admit that when the fish first invaded the

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ander! The name cries out for an exclamation mark, but are we being fair to a fish which generates such headlines as: "Curse of the Zan-"Predator Feared by Maich Anglers" and even "Kill Them All"?

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The zander scare stories, began after the Great Ouse River Board transferred some from Woburn into ponds near Bury St Edmunds, Suf-

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mmobilising the prey. Are they a disaster for

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the smaller species they gob-

Lens, stocks of smaller fish

Learning to love the zander



What a whopper: a zander, one of a species which, according to its supporters, should be given a chance to settle down in moderate numbers

(Serves 2)

2x4lb zander fillets

mixed herbs

salt and pepper

sml tin tomatoes

Sauce

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on) in a bath of water.

champagne vinegar, star an-

ise, vegetables and herbs. His

sauce includes carrors, leeks,

onions, mixed herbs, pepper-

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unsalted butter and a little

thyme. The fish is served on a

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tomatoes.

were devastated. Since then, they say, it has become a splendid sport fish in its own right, becoming more or less settled ecologically and a respeciable member of the community. They insist: "The zander has been a villain. It isn't now, nor is it likely to be again. It is out on licence if you like, so let's give it a chance to settle down in moderate numbers (and all the indications are pointing that way) and give zander anglers a fair deal."

To zandophiles there is further encouragement: zander are good eating, and as well as telling you how to catch them, the book tells you how to cook them. As well as the recipe for zander pie given here, you can fry it, grill it, bake it and make soup out of it. Harrods sell zander at £3.80 to £4.20 a pound.

The word is obviously sprerading because, at £12.50 a portion, zander has recently taken its place on the menu at Rules restaurant. Maiden Lane. Covent Garden, Neil Pass, the 29year-old head chef, began experimenting with it a few months ago. One of this week's creations involves steaming zander fillets (skin

ZANDER PIE

First catch your zander. A 3-41b fish provides two large fillets, ample for two people. Fillet the fish by cutting behind the head down to the head the fillet the fillet of the fillet. 2tbsp wine vinegar 4oz mushrooms, chopped backbone. Cut off the fillet near the tail and remove the 40z cheese, grated skin. Place the zander fillets in a large casserole dish. loz butter or margarine Sprinkle with the mixed herbs and season to taste. 4 oz cheese, grated

over the top of the fillets and cook in a medium oven for 30 minutes. For the sauce, melt the margarine or butter and add the flour, stirring continually. Gradually mix in the juice drained from the casserole and heat until a thick sauce is made. Stir the grated cheese into the sauce and pour it over the zander in the casserole. Grill until the fish Add the wine vinegar, tomis brown.

Gleeson . . . I tackled up one rod with roach livebait and the second rod with roach deadbait. I was using my standard pike tackle, only scaling down hook sizes to size 10 semi-barbless trebles. "After half an hour my float

zunder of 3lb. Another 40 minutes and I caught up two rods, one with reach. one with herring . . .

with livebait was taken by a another zander of 5lb 9oz After that brief burst of activity 10 o'clock arrived, and so did my brother Mick. He set

"After a couple of long drifts I changed my bait for dead roach, fished head up. which I thought would act more naturally as the wind

atoes and mushrooms. Sprinkle the grated cheese

was moving the float quite quickly. Three pm arrived and just authar moment Steve shouted to me that he had a run of his drift float which resulted in a nice pike of 18lb 6oz. I took some photographs for him

and was just handing back

his camera when he shouted

Your float's just gone!"

"I raced up the bank looking for my float, got to the rod, wound down tight and struck. My rod arched over and I felt solid resistance. Perhaps another pike, I thought, definitely a heavy fish. The fish stayed deep, hugging the bottom, and then ran straight towards me. My 2½ b test curve rod was

bent double as I applied heavy pressure and brought the fish up. 'It's a bloody zander,' we

shouted. 'A good one.' The water boiled as it went back down again. I told Steve to get the net ready and then I brought it to the surface again. This time it was shaking its head madly from side to side, and we could see the hooks right on the tip of the top jaw. I was very relieved that the fish was netted first go, as this zander was bigger than any I had

ever seen before. "Once the fish was in the weighing sling I gently lifted it off the ground and watched the needle go round ... 8lb ... 16lb ... 18lb. Yes, a new

record." The zander's weight was verified by Angling Times reporters and "after a quick photo and video session we placed the zander in a large landing net to rest in the margins to make sure it was fit before finally being released at 6.30pm."

• Zander, by Burrie Rickurds and Neville J. Fickling, Boydell Press. £10.95). Today's Law Report is on

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BBC 1

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9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (4941952) 9.50 Hot Chefs. Ken Hom's recipe for grilled lamb with sesame sauce (5949730)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (6706643) 10.05 Playdays. Entertainment for the young, from Edgbaston, Birmingham (r) (1496865) 10.25 Bump. Animation (r) (6709730) 10.35 No Kidding. Quiz game show for families, presented by Mike Smith with Kate Copstick (s) (5279001)
11.00 News, regional news and weather (7882136) 11.05 Cashwise

presented by Gioria Hunniford. Includes advice on energy saving at home and the presentation of the £25,000 cheque to the winners of the Fladio Times/Ideal Home competition (s) (7173575) 11.30

People Today presented by Miriam Stoppard and Adrian Mills. Includes News, regional news and weather at 12.00 (3859372)

12.20 People Mill. Music and chat introduced by Alan Titchmarsh. Among the guests is the former editor of Private Eye, now editor of The Oide, Richard Ingrams (3765136) 12.55 Regional News and weather (90862778)

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(Ceefax) (s) (60984049) 1.50 Olympics '92 presented by Helen Rollason, Action from the n's slalom, ice hockey and the men's 20km biathlon

(31737001)
3.50 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams. Music series, with Sophie Aldred and Matthew Devitt (6634681) 4.05 Jackanory. William Rushton reads Spelling Right and Wrong (s) (8131372) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed. Cartoon (r)

4.30 Dizzy Heights. The first of a new series of the comedy drams set in a hotel, With comedy duo Heap and Wall (2114391)
4.55 Newsround (3784865) 5.05 Blue Peter presented by Yvette Fielding, John Leske and Diane-Louise Jordan. (Ceefax) (s) (5241952)
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5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (101440). Northern Ireland: Inside 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

Weather (643) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (223). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Tony Dortie and Mark Franklin (s)

(1001) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (407)
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Another comic episode from the lives of the three Yorkshire pensioners. This week Foggy dreams of riches when he thinks up a valet parking scheme. Starring Brian Wilde, 84 Owen and Peter Sallis (7049)

8.30 The Brittas Empire. Last in the comedy series starring Chris Barrie as the over-eager manager of a council's leisure centre

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4556) 9.30 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. The

police hope to jog the memories of viewers in the cases of the murder, seven months ago, of Alexander Drummond from near St ws, Fite, and of a series of armed robberies in Bristol between August and December last year, thought to be the work of a gang of builders. (Ceefex) (720759)



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Political debate: MPs Peter Lilley and John Prescott (10.15pm) 10.15 Question Time presented by Peter Sissons. The guests are Bernard Ingham, Baroness Robson and MPs Peter Lilley and John Prescott (374643). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 10.45 Question Time 11.15 Crimewatch UK Update (118020)

11.25 Olympics '92 introduced by Desmond Lynam. Includes the final of the men's 1,000m short-track speed-skating, the women's statom and 3,000m short-track speed-skating relay, the men's 20km biathion and ice hockey (571020). Northern Ireland: 11.45 Crimewatch UK Update 11.55-1.10am Olympics '92 12.40am Weather (6584247). Ends at 12.45

2.00 The Way Ahead. John Murray explains April's new benefits for disabled people (3708792). Ends at 2.15

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10,05 Rude Awesterning (1989); Two 1960s hippies travel to 1980s New York (804020)
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BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Motion - Newton's Laws (8191952). Ends at

8.00 Breakfast News (2238933)

8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses (9260117) 9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational program

2.00 News and weather (10296846) followed by You and Me. For the very young (r) (74833662) 2.15 Advice Shop. A special report on the quality of life possible on a

British state pension compared to that of our European neighbours

(74180J1)
3.00 News and weather (8877001) followed by Westminster Live introduced by Vivian White (7610858) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (7452730)
4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia with another round of the game for

wordsmiths (136)
4.30 Wild World: Waddenzee. A documentary portrait of the coastal wetland covering an area of some 10,000 sq km on the borders of The Netherlands, Germany and Denmark that is an important nursery for fish and a feeding ground for an enormous number of migrating and wintering birds. Unfortunately it is under threat from a number of sources including land reclamation, pollution, military

activity and tourism (r) (6045469) Farnous Faces, Favourite Places. John Godber visits his favourite northern haunts (r) (3545846) 5.30 Food and Drink (r) (s). (372). Wales: Redundant

6.00 Olympics Today. Live coverage of the men's 1,000m short-track speed-skating in which Britain's Wilf O'Rellly is among the favourities to win the gold medal. Plus the women's slafom and the men's 10,000m speed-skating and 20km biathion (841778)

 CHOICE: it's easy to forget quite how devastating the closure of a plant can be for a small community. In this said last essay on redundancy, we meet the Sanger family who have experienced the demise of the steehworks at Brymbo, north Wales. These are people whose very lives have been defined by their jobs at the tectory. Now their prospect of employment in the area are grim, but the programme dwells on the positive as well as the negative. Geoff Senger, for example, has set himself up as a private investigator. It is unpleasant work, he claims, but you get the sion he is rather enjoying it all the same. If the busin he may join other members of his family in Libya doing contract work. Either way, he says: "I'm not going to be written off at 49." (4196), Wales: How Green?



Artificial intelligence: Chris Barrie and Jane Horrocks (9.00pm)

 CHOICE: Once a rather weak cornedy series. Red Dwarf certainly gets better as it goes on. This fifth series is supposed to be seeing a little more action from the crew. In other words, Craig Charles and his laid-back cronies might actually get out of the spaceship. This week only Rimmer (Chris Barrie) makes it, and then only on to another spaceship. How long he will remain there is another question. Rimmer is delighted by the intellectual, tellow holograms he meets there, but he must take a fearsome exam if he is to be excepted to beaut. is to be accepted on board. Viewers will be intrigued to see Barrie at his most insufferable yat — yes, even more insufferable than as Gordon Brittes over on BBC1 — as he prepares to chest his way to glory by flourishing his newly-acquired artificial intelligence. fax) (2198)

9.30 Fire in the Blood. The fourth of six stories from today's Spain, lan Gibson assesses the Basque country's threat to the unity of the

nation. (Ceefax) (466049)

10.20 Taiking To Myself. Journalist Durican Campbell is this week's subject of the DIY Interview series. (Ceefax) (678759)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (671339)

11.15 What the Papers Say Awards, introduced by Russell Davies and second of the Papers Say Awards, introduced by Russell Davies and second of the Papers Say Awards.

presented by Roy Hattersley (332198) 11.55 Weather (413372)

12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (7888112)

12.05am Open University: The Challenge of Judgment (5313228). Ends

2.00 Field of Dreams (1999): Fermer Kevin Costner builds a baseball pitch (\$2556)
4.00 The Summer My Father Grew Up (1990): A divorced father befriends his settinged son (\$1607533)
6.00 The Outside Woman (\$189): Sharon (\$7190) 7.00 Boots and Al (\$2235) 8.00

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News and sport on the hour until 7,00pm, 8,00am World Service, World News, 6,09 News About Britain, 6,15 The World Today 6,30 Darsty Baker's Morrang Edition 9,00 Take Five 10,25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10,40 Johnne Walker with The AM Alternative 12,30pm Clag Gordleviki: The former head of the KGB in London talks about his ten years as a double sport 1,00 News Update 1,15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1,30 BFBS Worldwide: Strong and the Squad 2,30 World Service, International Call, 3,05 Cuticol; 3,30 Meridian Feethirs, 4,05 Assignment 4,35 Five Asside 7,15 The Six Lives of Farhide the Call (4 of 6) 7,30 The Sixer Sword. First of a two-part drametisation of lain Serration's story 8,00 Formula Five 8,30 Vibel 9,30 Feathon Icons: The Black Leather Jacket (1 of 6) 10,00 News, Sport 10,15 Eastern Beat, and 11,00 Sport 12,00-12,10am News. Sport

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10.40 This Morning. Magazine series (3720759)
12.10 The Riddlers. Children's pupper series (2429001)
12.30 News with Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (6581759) 1.10

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2.20 TV Weekly presented by Anne Diamond (10564943) 2.50 Take the High Road (4738407) 3.15 ITN News headlines (8694778) 3.20 Themes News headlines

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5.10 Who's the Bose? American cornedy series (5235391)

5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) (399391)
 5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with details of the North London Hospice Bereavement Service (688440)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (339)

7.00 Emmerdale. Scap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (3469) 7.30 In Search of Wildlife: King of Beasts. The first of a repeat run of the nature series presented by wildlife artist David Shepherd (575)
 8.00 The Bill: Begger My Neighbour. Officers of the Sun Hill force investigate a brutal attack on a vagrant and uncover a web of crime. (Oracle) (2117)

9 30 This Week: The Little Lord Movnihan Mystery. A documentary investigation into the rival claims of two of the late Lord Moynihan's Filipmo wives, each insisting that her son is the rightful heir to their father's title. (Oracle) (4952)



Prejudiced: Blair Underwood with Richard Dysart (9.00pm)

9.00 LA Law. CHOICE: A new series of LA Law gets off to a cracking start with the practice saved from distrusion and back in business tackling some absorbing courtroom cases. One of these has flohins, the coloured attorney, shamelessly letting his feelings and prejudices get in the way as he defends a young black driver who refused to stop for police. But it is the second storyline that really holds the Interest. Eli Wallach, whom western fans will remember as the "ugiy" in The Good, the Bad and the Ugiy, plays Judge Adam Biel, an eccentric old dodderer whose competence becomes questionable. "Let me tilt at windmills a little bit longer," he pleads

quaintly. "I promise you, if they tilt back, I'll go." Not surprisingly, he is over-ruled. (Oracle) (s) (1575) 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle)
Weather (62407) 10.30 Thames News (218489)

10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama serial (770049)
11.30 01. Includes a review of the film Prince of Tides and an interview

with the male lead, Nick Nolte (17020)

12.00 A Problem Ained. Counselling advice (10112)

12.30em Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Mirror, Mirror. A woman preys on her unstable identical sixter (91599)

1.00 Filtri: 12 Plus 1 (1969) starring Orson Welles, Sharon Tate and Vittorio Gasamen. Comedy about a New York-based Italian barber who travels to England to claim an antique chair left to him by an eccentric aunt. Directed by Nicolas Gessner (10044)

3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Pollard, Teresa Gorman, Margaret Forster and Lynda Ls Plante discusses the menopause (90792)

3.30 Murphy's Law. Comedy drama series staming George Segal as an insurance investigator (r) (28421)
4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (91421) 5.00 Videofashion (r) (54402) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (11841). Ends at 6.00

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6.55am Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Marais (Les
Folies d'Espagne: Hansiôrg
Schellenberger, oboe, Rolf
Koenen, harpetchord,
Johannes Fink, viole de
gambe); Soler (Sonata No 10
n B minor: Virgina Black,
harpetchord)
7.20 News

under Jorge Bolet; Debus (Iberia: Montreal SO under Dutoit)

sers of the Week: Composers of the Week: J.S. Bech. Cantabs. No 147, Herz und Mund und Tet und Laben (Bech Ensemble under Joshus Riffen, with Jame Bryden, soprano, Drew Menter, countertenor, Jeffrey Thomas, tenor, Jan Opelach, bests). Suite in D. BWV 1012 (Anner Rufense mellet

> Ormandy): Lehér (Aria, Gern hab' oh die Frau'n gekösst, Paganan, German Artiste Theatre Orchestra under Ernst Heuke, with Pichard Tauber, tenor): Brahms (Verlations on a Theme of Paganini, Book Two: Allan Stemfield, piano); Berlioz (Harold in Italy: Viontreal SO under Charles Dutoit, with Pinches

Zukerman, viola)

11.35 BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra under Grant
Lleweilyn performs Haydin
(Symphony No 49 in F minor,
La Passione), William Mathisa
(Otoc Concerto David
Condent Stratigation in a Bahasa

Beethoven (Plano Sonsta in C. CD 53; Waldstein); Protofiev (Visions fugitives, Op 22) New London Orchestra; BBC Singers under Ronald Corp, vitti, Patricle Whight and Margarst Feetviour, oppranos, Deboren Miles-Johnson, mizzo coprano, Nell Mackenzie, tenor, Brindley Sherritt, bass, Roger Senedict; viola, perform Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Waspat; Bridge (Three Tagore Songet; Vaughan Williams (Suite, Flos Campt); Bridge (Summers, Better, over

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Lamb); Vaughan Williams (The
Running Set)
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Williams play music for two
guitars by Carulli, William
Lawes and Meuro Guitari
3.55 Aldeburgh Festival 1991:
Sharoun Ensemble of Berlin

Sharoun Ensemble of Berlin
performs Mozart (Quinter),
Movement in 8 flat for clarinet
and strings, K 515c); Deter
MOSer-Siemers (Octet);
Schubert (Octet in F. D 803)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with
Jermy Beadle
7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear. The conductor Richard Hickox talks to Michael Hall

7.30 Pause St Hedwig's Cathedral Choir, Berlin; Berlin RSO under Roland Bader perform Louis Spohr's opera in two acts. With Dietrich Fischer-Dieska beritone, as Faust; and Harald Stamm, bass, as

Mephistopheles 9.30 Music for Four Clarinets: Thurston Clearnet Questet plays Albinoni, arr Thilde (Sinfonia & 5 in G mimor, Op 2 No 6); Yoone Desportes (French Suite); William Blezard (Behind the Wheel — Jazz Suite) for

Suite) (r) 10.00 Nusic in Our Time: London Sinforietta Voices: London Sinforietta under Elgar Howarth perform Hans längen von Bose (Scene); Detlev Moser-Siemens (Tom-a-Bediem) 11.00 Cool and Crazy: The

American trumpeter and composer Shorty Rogers talks to Alyn Shipton (r)

11.30 News 11.36-12,35em Composers of the Week: Janecak (r)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (9245575)

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1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (83488)
2.00 Film: Little Netitle Kelly (1940, b/w) starring Judy Garland and George Murphy. Romantic comedy with songs about a young woman who is brought up by her stern grandfather who objects to

woman who is prought up by her stern grandburst who objects to her choice of fiance. Directed by Norman Taurog (673681)

3.50 The Singing Cowboys. Cartoon from Hungary (7454198)

4.00 Time to Talk. Lesley Judd talks to actor/writer Colin Welland about his life and faith (204)

4.30 Countdown. Richard Whitely with another round of the words and numbers name (a) (492)

numbers game (s) (488) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. After three months research looking for the world's most eligible men, Oprah Winfrey tries to match

them up with lovelorn American women (7549730) 5.55 Laurel and Hardy, Cartoon (619310)
6.00 The Crystal Maze. Six more contestants volunteer for the

adventure playground game, presented by Richard O'Brien (96952) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)

Weather (756391) 7.50 Comment (965681) 8.00 Free for AB. Jilly Peacock, the Scottish stand-up comic, tries to discover the true nature of Scottish identity; Adels Geras, the

children's author, bemoans the cuts in council-run school library services; and Terry, a London beggar, questions attitudes to begging (5989) 8.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out. Cornedy sketches (r) (s) (2594)



Avoiding the resurgence of intolerant nationalism (9.00pm)

9.00 The Germans: The Next Generation. CHOICE: The last programme in this consistently unemotional series looks to the future and the country's mixed reaction to the demise of communism. On the one hand there is relief, but there is also concern about the increasing numbers of eastern European refugees. "They are getting houses, money, television, cars, all the things we have spent years grafting for." says one teanager who fears a growth in neo-Nazism borne of resentment. But Germany is well aware of such dangers. Schools, universities and the new military are working hard to ensure that patriotism never turns into intolerant nationalism. We are talking, after all, of a country where even the celebrations for the 1990 World Cup prompted paranoid

dlines such as: "Football madness, a reminder of Nazi rallies." (Teletext) (s) (9117) 10.00 Brides of Christ. Episode five of the six-part drama serial set in a Sydney convent during the 1960s, starring Brenda Fricker. (Teletext) (s) (1738662)

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11.05 Just For Laughs. Clive Anderson introduces more acts from the Montreal Comedy Festival (330730)

11.40 Russian New Music. The fourth of a ten part series on the

development of music in Russia. Thes programme is devoted to the voices of Russian New Music (923092)

12.10am Late Night Love: Bingo, Bridesmaids and Braces. Australian film-maker Gillian Armstrong's film of the lives of three working-class Adelaide women (35747)

1.55 The Street American rolling downs series (5281678). Ends at 2.20. 1.55 The Street. American police drame series (5281678). Ends at 2.20

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4.45 Short Story: On the Market,

by Brian Leyden. Read by Gerry McGrath (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Shr O'Clock News
6.30 The Blackburn Files: A Case of Hearts and Flowers. Private detective Stephen. J

detective Stephen J.

Blackburn investigates the theft of his brother-in-law's Fiotax (s) (r)

7.90 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack (FM only):

Soundarack (PM only):
Bouncing Back

CHOICE: Some pub and
club bouncers in Derby go
back to school and fake
exams. Fallure means that
they will not be licensed by
the city's pub-water book.

customers first and asks questions afterwards. Nick Baker toright sits in on a typical exam at the end of a course that has covered everything from first-sid and race relations to dealing with difficult women (s)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.00 Analysis: An Unnatural Practice? Peter Hermessy considers the prospects for calition government in Britain
8.45 My Four Green Fields:
Connaught — Tuam. The

Cornaught - Tuam. The novelist Joseph Hone talks about life in Ireland.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners

9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

they will not be licensed by the city's pub-watch body, and they could lose their jobs. Derby is the first city to try to create these new-style bouncars. They prefer to be called door supervisors, and they do not conform to the popular image of the human ape who punches unruly customers first and asks objections afferwards hield.

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Dance (46225) 1.30 News
1.35 Moming Concert (cont).
Rossini (Overture,
Semiramide. NPO under
Riccardo Challity: Franck
(Symphonic Variations:
Concertophotoly Orchestra
under Jorde Stilert: Datums

Bytsma, cello) 9.35 Morning Sequence: Tartini (Sonata in G minor, The

Devil's Trill, Dmitry Sitkovetsky, violin, Bruno Canno, piano): Brahms (Verlations on a Theme of Paganini, Book One: Allan Stemfield, pieno): Paganini, an Kreisler (Violin Concerto No 1 in D - first movement: Fritz Kroisler, Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene

(Otoce Concerto. David
Cowley): Stravinsky (Le Belser
de la file)
1.90pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert:
Live from St George's,
Brandon Hill, Bristol. The
planist Allen Schiller plays

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RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on PM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John

Waita (r)
9.30 Two People: Colin Semper talks to two people who arrived at different decisions

arrived at different decisions when confronted by the same maral difference. Could Ann Greetham and Elaine Coursell forgive the drunken drivers who had killed both their sons in separate roed accidents? (r) 10.00-10.30am Charity Ends at Home (Fill only): The first of a se-part dramateation of one of Colin Watson's Flexborough Chronicles (s)

Chronicles (a)
10.00 News; An Act of Worship
(LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Issigh. David Neal reads the first of 16 episodes 10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray

talks to the abstract painter Jennifer Durant, Incl 11.00 News 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Back to Square One:
Chris Selfe cheirs a quiz that
delves into the origins of
words and phrases 12.55

Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Today We'll Finish
Keets: A play by Colin
Douglae, Mr Bell (Paul Young)
teaches his class about the
Great Poets, Outside the

classroom, use considered (FM only) (r)
3.00 Down Your Way (FM only) (r)
3.40-4.00 Poetry Pleased (FM only), with Simon Rise (s)
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Guestions (LW only)

4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope is in Glasgow
as the Citizens Theatre opens
its new three-theatre complex;
reviews the touring production Feber Book of Soccer (s)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (a) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight
(s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The
Bindfold Horse, Memories of a
Persian childhood, written and
read by Shusha Guppy (9 of
10) (s) read by Shusha Guppy (9 of 10) (s)
11.00 Whip Hand: Third of a five-part dramatisation of Dick Francis's novel (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
World Service (LW only)

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